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## SUNNY DAYS FOR GALLERY

It seemed like it would never happen, but yesterday the ground was finally broken to mark the building of Margate's Turner Contemporary Gallery. County council leader Paul Carter and Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel led the ceremony and they were joined by 30 children from Holy Trinity and St John's Primary School in high-visibility vests and hard hats. In an unusual move, the youngsters carried large mirrored letters on to a 15ft-high piece of artwork to spell out 'The Sun Is God', a quote from JMW Turner. It will be displayed as building work continues by contractor R Durnell and Son.

■ BY TOM BETTS

**RESIDENTS** of Minerva House in Ramsgate are breathing a sigh of relief.

They have been buoyed by the news that their fight to have their monthly service charge reduced has been successful.

Retirement housing company the Hyde Group has been told it will have to renegotiate with residents over the service charge.

In February, the residents, many of whom are elderly and disabled, hit out at Hyde's charity arm In Touch after it tried to implement a hefty price hike.

Initially the company tried to raise the figure by more than £100, from £161 per month to £279, but the 24 leaseholders vowed to fight the decision and agreed with Hyde to move the matter to a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal.

An interim figure of £184 was agreed on by both parties until the findings of the tribunal's hearing.

It eventually settled on a figure of £152 per flat per month.

Minerva's Sue Blake puts the result down to community spirit and people power.

She said: "We just decided that we weren't going to lie back and let this happen – it was so unfair so we got together and decided to act."

A spokesman for the Hyde Group said: "We shall take forward lessons learned from the outcome of the tribunal. We'll consider the issues highlighted and learn from its recommendations."

"Most specifically, we will continue to build on improving communications between In Touch and residents at Minerva House."

Former policeman Norman Still, 73, led the fight on behalf of the residents and he was praised at the tribunal for the thorough and concise nature of his reports.

Mrs Blake said: "He has been great, a real star, and even cut short his holiday by three days to come back for the tribunal."

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## WHO IS SHOP'S £100,000 LOTTO WINNER?



A Lotto prize of more than £100,000 has been won in Ramsgate - although the identity of the winner is still unknown.

The winning ticket was bought at a newsagents in the town's King Street, just a few doors along from McDonalds.

Tony's News owner Hitash Pandya, 46, (left) said: "We were contacted by Camelot, who told us about the win, but I'm afraid we don't know who it was, which is a real shame. It was on a lottery ticket, I know that, but it looks like the person who has won wants to remain anonymous."

Hitash added: "It goes to show that by spending just a pound, it really can be done!"

Do you know who bought the lucky ticket? If you do, phone Yourthanet on 01303 817156.

## New warning to fit smoke alarms after families' lucky escapes

BY TOM BETTS

FOUR people were rescued by firefighters from two separate house fires on the same morning last week.

The first incident was at 5am on Tuesday at a first-floor flat in Ethelbert Terrace, Westgate on Sea, when crews from Margate and Westgate were called to tackle a kitchen on fire.

Two women were rescued from the flat, and one of them was suffering from smoke inhalation.

Westgate crew manager, Steve Wright, said: "This incident could have been much more serious, as there were no smoke alarms fitted in the flat."

"I would urge all residents to ensure they have smoke alarms fitted on each floor of their home, as they provide vital early warning of fire, giving you a more chance of escaping uninjured."

The fire is being treated as accidental and is believed to have started in a microwave.

In a later incident, fire crews were called to a house fire in Royal Close, Broadstairs, just after 7.30am.

An 11-year-old girl discovered a fire in the downstairs of the home and quickly alerted her mother, but they and their Staffordshire terrier puppy were trapped in an upstairs bedroom.

While crews were on their way to the blaze, fire control operator Caroline Spicer talked with the woman and gave her some vital guidance.

She said: "The mother and child had no means of escape due to the

smoke from the blaze, so I established which room they were in and advised them to keep the door closed."

"I told them to place some clothing or bedding at the bottom of the door to prevent smoke from entering the room, buying them valuable time until crews arrived."

Firefighters used a ladder to rescue the woman, child and their puppy, Missy, from the upstairs window. They carried out a full search of the building.

Thanet watch manager, Paul Moore, said the family was lucky to get out alive, as the smoke alarms were not working.

He said: "I cannot emphasise enough the importance of ensuring your smoke alarms are in working order. If the fire had broken out during the night we may well have arrived to find fatalities."

"If anyone is unsure whether their smoke alarms are working I would urge them to contact Kent Fire and Rescue Service for free and we will come and carry out a free home fire safety check. We will check your alarms for you and fit new ones if required."

This fire is believed to have been caused by a candle that had been left burning overnight.

The property sustained severe smoke damage and the residents have been temporarily re-housed.

• If you would like to arrange a free home fire safety check contact Kent Fire and Rescue Service for free on 0800 9237000.

## Man given two years in prison for killing his younger brother

A MAN has been sentenced to two years in prison after admitting the manslaughter of his brother in February.

Louis Lumpkin, 28, of Artillery Road, Ramsgate, stabbed 26-year-old Gary Lumpkin at their mother's address in Northdown Road in Cliftonville after what the court was told was provocation by his younger sibling all day.

The judge told Maidstone Crown Court on Tuesday last week that the case was one of human tragedy as opposed to human wickedness.

The family and friends had met at the Cliftonville address on February 24 for Sunday lunch and to watch the Carling Cup final together.

The brothers played on the computer, ate dinner, watched the match and drank a lot of alcohol throughout the afternoon and evening but then started bickering.

This led to a fight in the flat in the evening in which Louis was hit over the head and was bleeding.

Their mother spilt them up. They then went back to playing on the computer but were still arguing.

Ambulance crews called for police to come to the address at 12.15am on Monday morning as they had reports that a person had been stabbed. Louis made the call.

Police went to the scene and a Margate patrol officer attempted to resuscitate Gary before paramedics arrived, but he was unsuccessful and ambulance crews pronounced him dead at 12.45am.

A post-mortem examination was conducted on the Monday and found eight stab wounds, the fatal one having pierced Gary's heart.

Louis Lumpkin's family and friends were in court for the hearing.



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# Monks close their doors to congregation

## Church closure means parishioners sent elsewhere

DOZENS of worshippers face an uncertain future after monks announced they were to close a Ramsgate church.

The congregation of St Benedict's Roman Catholic Church in Whitehall Road will lose access to the church at the end of the year.

The church will close its doors for the last time on December 31, leaving some 70 people without their regular place of worship.

Occasional congregation member Anne Buckley said: "It's such a shame, a real disappointment. I feel strongly about this because I know the elderly people view it as more than just a church."

"It's a real community place for them to go to and I don't think it should close without people knowing about it. It's been done very quietly."

The monks who run the church want to withdraw back into the

■ BY TOM BETTS

monastic lifestyle and the parish will be amalgamated with another.

The congregation was given the opportunity to comment on the plans earlier this month, but people's comments seem to have been overruled and the decision to close taken.

The parish priest, Father Benedict Austen, said: "The church will close at the end of 2008. This results in a shortage of priests at St Augustine's Abbey, which has supplied priests for St Benedict's since 1932."

"The Benedictine community at St Augustine's has with regret over recent decades withdrawn gradually from pastoral work in Thanet."

"As it has done so, the bishop has been able to supply priests to take their place, but in the case of St Mildred's in Minster and St Benedict's and St Augustine's, Ramsgate, this has not

been possible, hence they will cease to be parish churches, and St Benedict's will cease to be a 'church of ease'."

He added: "The Thanet Deanery [all Roman Catholic churches in Thanet] is reorganising into four pastoral centres, with the result that the congregations of St Augustine's and St Benedict's will merge with that of St Ethelbert and Gertrude, Ramsgate, to form a new parish."

"St Augustine's Church will remain as such, but only for the monastic liturgy and no longer for parish worship – although it will remain open for those wishing to attend this liturgy."

The congregation now has the option of joining fellow Catholics at nearby St Ethelbert's in Hereson Road, but Anne thinks many will not as they were not keen on the change.

She said: "Most are elderly and 65-plus, and won't go anymore. They have been in this church a long time and it seems unfair."



SHUT: St Benedict's Roman Catholic Church in Whitehall Road will close on December 31

## Enjoy a taste of Kent at market

THE award-winning Cliftonville Farmers' Market returns on Sunday.

Producers will be selling vegetables, cakes, fruit juices, wild game, artisan bread, honey, curries, fudge, olives, plants, eggs, pasta dishes, preserves, meat, speciality pies, vegan food, fruit and Fairtrade goods, plus pashmina scarves and other gifts.

The market was voted Best in Kent in 2006 and 2007 and will be held on The Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, from 10am-1pm.

To vote for the market in the Taste Of Kent Awards 2008, click on [www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk](http://www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk), or pick up a voting form from the market on the day.

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## Quex board positive for future despite board resignations

THE board of the Powell Cotton Museum insists that the attraction still has a bright future despite three of its members quitting.

A statement issued on behalf of the charity by Keith Dunmall, its education and learning officer, comes two weeks after the resignation of three board members. It reads "The Powell Cotton Museum regrets the resignation of three Thanet District Council councillors" but does not detail why they left.

A fortnight ago, councillors Alasdair Bruce, Mick Tomlinson and Judith Russell resigned just ahead of the annual general meeting, citing a "breakdown of communication" with chairman Michael Garrett as the reason.

They vowed not to return as long as he remained in position.

Since the announcement, another councillor, Birchington North's Simon Day, has also left.

It means just nine trustees will now decide the course for the future. A Quex spokesman said that this was "more than enough".

The AGM went ahead and officials say the museum, following recent changes in charity law, has to implement "updates that need to be made in order to meet the changing social climate of the 21st century".

The Birchington museum is part of Quex House and gardens, and board members say actions taken at the AGM will introduce "procedures to ensure all stakeholders benefit from a well-run museum, from the board to local visitors, national public, international scientists and academics who value its resources."

An executive committee has been created to "move the museum forward".

The trustees say they want to have input from visitors and supporters who may want to contribute thoughts and ideas on how the museum functions.

The AGM was attended by representatives of the British Museum, Zoological Society of London, the University of Kent, Kent County Council, Quex Museum Enterprises Limited and museum trustees and staff.

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FROM January next year, young people on the isle will be able to buy a Freedom Bus Pass.

The pass enables secondary school-aged children in years seven to 11 free bus travel any time, anywhere for an annual £50 advance payment.

County councillor Clive Hart was a member of the KCC Select Committee that proposed the bus pass for young people.

He said: "It has taken a long time to get the Freedom Pass for Thanet and finally youngsters will be able to access the scheme, which has proved so popular in other parts of Kent.

"What could be better than giving a young person the freedom to travel independently?"

"At a time when too many young people can get trapped at home in front of a screen, I hope parents will take the opportunity to give their youngsters a gift that will allow them some real freedom to get out and about."

BNP internet list: 22  
names from the isle

DETAILS of more than 20 people on the isle were included in the list of BNP members posted on the internet last week.

Names of party supporters and activists were published before the BNP took out an injunction to prevent them becoming public.

The list is said to date from 2007, so some of the people on it may since have let their membership end.

It includes the names and addresses of 22 people from Thanet and some email details.

Nine of the names listed were from Ramsgate, seven were from Margate and a further seven were from Broadstairs.

One was from Birchington and another from St Peter's.

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IN THE SPRING

X Factor star Rhidian Roberts is bringing his unique voice to the isle.

The Welshman's performance of The Impossible Dream was described as one of the "classic X Factor performances" by judge Simon Cowell when he made a guest appearance on Saturday night's show - and now he is set for Margate's Winter Gardens.

Rhidian was the runner-up in last year's competition, with many people believing he should in fact have won it.

He will perform at the Thanet venue in May, singing songs from his eponymous debut album, which took a year to record.

He said: "You can't rush a good album. I wanted to make something timeless, full of great songs and not just another X Factor tribute. Whatever song I sing, I try to put my stamp on it."

"I quite like that my style can't be categorised - when I sing, it is my interpretation of the music and the song itself."

For tickets to the Sunday, May 17, show, phone the Winter Gardens box office on 01843 296111, or alternatively visit [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk).

Late-flight fines set to  
benefit worthy causes

COMPENSATION money that airlines have to pay to after rule-breaking night flights will be handed over next month.

Airlines using Kent International Airport at Manston are fined when the flights enter local airspace during times deemed disruptive to the community below - and some £2,400 has been designated.

Every time flights land between 11pm and 7am the offending operator has to pay a fine which is later redistributed to good causes.

The contributions apply to planes that register a noise quota count of four or more.

The chairman of the Kent International Consultative Committee (KIACC), Paul Twyman, said: "Although these are often referred to as fines, they are really a form of compensation. We have a sub-committee which looks at applications."

He added: "Some people complain about aircraft noise, so it's useful to have a scheme which to some extent compensates the local area."

Among the projects to receive money will be the Monkton Village Hall Committee, which gets £500 for replacement chairs.

■ BY TOM BETTS

Cliffsend Village Hall Management Committee will receive £400 for a new stage lighting system.

An application for £1,000 from the Newington Community Association in Ramsgate has also been approved under the terms of the Manston Airport Community Fund.

It will use it for a new computer room for back-to-work courses for local people.

Herne and Broomfield Parish Council will also benefit from cash.

The village near Herne Bay is also under the flight-path of Manston planes and has been awarded £500 towards sports training sessions for youngsters.

Representatives of the community projects will be invited to KIACC's annual public meeting next month to receive their cheques.

Mr Twyman said: "The Kent International Airport Consultative Committee usually meets in private, but its constitution allows one meeting a year to be held in public."

"Anyone with a serious interest in the airport and its future development will find that

we have a very interesting agenda for this meeting. This is a good opportunity for the public to listen to our wide-ranging discussions and also have the chance to make their views known."

The next meeting of the committee has been billed as especially important by Mr Twyman in light of the airport's plans for massive expansion, recently revealed by Infratil.

He said: "This meeting comes at probably the most important time in the airport's history since the end of the Second World War."

"The owners, Infratil, have just issued their masterplan for the future development of the airport. After consultation, this will feed into Thanet council's planning process."

"The consultative committee, as the statutory body advising on community views, is looking forward to an interesting public debate."

"As well as the masterplan, there will be a discussion on Kent County Council's views on the airport, with a cabinet member making a presentation, and the Environment Agency has been invited to send representatives to answer queries about pollution."

• The KIACC meeting takes place at 6.30pm on Tuesday, December 2, in the airport's departure lounge.

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# Plight of isle's homeless not borne out by survey

THE true extent of the homelessness problem in Thanet is being undermined by the way in which numbers are collated, according to a leading charity.

Figures issued last week showed that just one person was sleeping rough in Thanet, with evidence of one more, during an annual check in the district by Porchlight.

It conducted a survey in six districts in Kent as part of the eighth Kent-wide rough sleeper count.

The districts were Thanet, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Ashford and Swale, but Porchlight says the results are ambiguous as certain stipulations govern who can and who cannot be classed as a rough sleeper.

For instance, if a person is sitting up in their bedding materials in a doorway, then they

■ BY TOM BETTS

cannot be counted as an actual rough sleeper.

The rules are proving difficult for the charity, which says they do not give an accurate representation of the problem.

Porchlight's Mark Parry said: "Unfortunately the figures are not a true reflection of the homelessness problem in any of the areas. In Thanet, for example, we know of far more than one rough sleeper."

Part of the problem is that the numbers do not include the so-called 'hidden homeless', those who may spend their time staying with friends.

The issue is often known as 'sofa-surfing'.

Mr Parry added: "Rough sleepers also find places to sleep that are not obvious to locate due to the dangers they face on the streets."

He said that the figures collected on the night

were only a "snapshot" and between July and September this year 295 referrals were received for the charity's service, with 60 per cent of them rough sleepers.

A third of all the referrals are aged 18 to 24 years old.

Mr Parry said there was "massive demand" for help, ranging from those who slept rough, to people being released from prison with nowhere to go, to those facing imminent eviction.

The Porchlight charity, formerly called East Kent Cyrennians, rolled out its service county-wide in January.

Mr Parry said: "The level of support for the county, including Thanet, has greatly increased, but it has also served to further show the great need of homeless and vulnerable people across Kent."

• To find out more about the work of the charity and how you can help, go to [www.porchlight.org.uk](http://www.porchlight.org.uk).

## Derek's rubbish prize

RAMSGATE man Derek Biggs is the latest winner of Thanet council's competition to win free green waste collections until the end of March next year.

He received the prize after being selected at random from all the customers who have signed up for the scheme since it started this year.

You can join the scheme by phoning 01843 577115 or by visiting [www.thanet.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.thanet.gov.uk/recycling).

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## LIFE'S A BEACH FOR QUAD RACERS

Sandy Ezekiel is looking a little chilly as he sits astride a quadbike at the weekend.

The Thanet council leader was stopping by at the Big Sky International Beach Cross quad and motorbike racing sessions on Margate seafront, but the icy blasts whipping off the

sea meant that there weren't huge crowds to enjoy the action on Saturday and Sunday.

A similar event earlier this year had attracted thousands of spectators, but unfortunately the bitter weather meant numbers were well down on this occasion.

## Sir Bob won't light up Christmas

HE has raised millions to combat poverty and staged concerts watched by millions, but switching on Margate's Christmas lights was a bridge too far for Sir Bob Geldorf.

The former Boomtown Rat has pulled out of the ceremony, due to be held on Saturday at about 5.45pm, blaming a scheduling clash.

The rocker and campaigner is set to travel to the Middle Eastern state of Qatar instead to attend a "political arrangement".

His spokesman said: "Sir Bob has been informed that he must attend a political arrangement in Doha, Qatar, on November 29."

He added: "Sir Bob is very disappointed not to be able to be in Margate."

The Live Aid man was less than complimentary about the town in an interview for

Kent County Council's free Around Kent magazine earlier this year.

He branded it ugly, and his trip to lead the switch-on of the lights was seen by many as a way of extending an olive branch to people in the town.

Trader Mark Watts said: "It is a disappointment. That's a big star to have come along and I had expected a lot of people to come down for the ceremony, but I can't say I'm that surprised he pulled out, really. It's a typical kind of thing to happen for Margate."

X Factor singer Ben Mills, who lives in Kingsgate, and Mark Arden from London's Burning will now do the honours.

The pair are starring in the Winter Gardens pantomime Aladdin in January.

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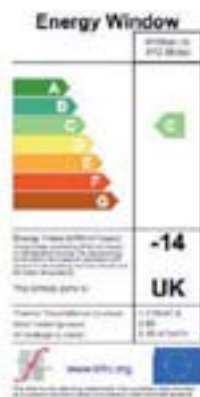
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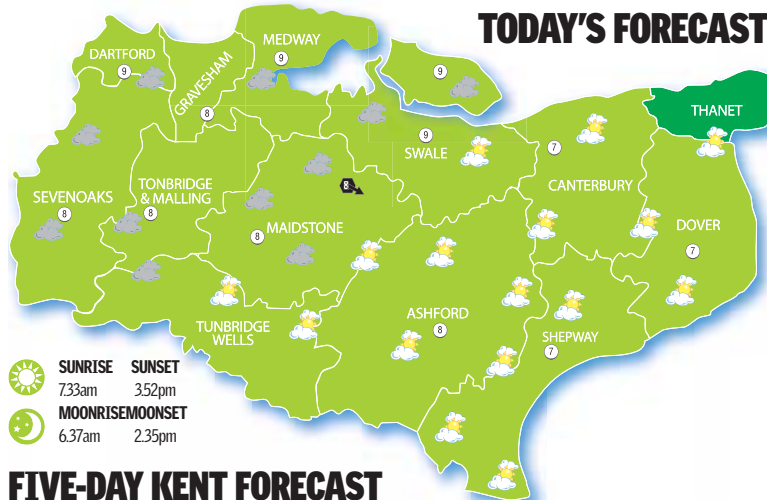
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Ramsgate	Saturday	11:06am	4.8m
	Sunday	11:44am	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:09pm	5.5m
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Whitstable	Saturday	12:20pm	5.1m
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Cape Town	23°C	Tenerife	21°C
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Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	8°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	0°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	24°C

## Christmas Day killer in psychiatric unit

A MAN who admitted the manslaughter of his grandmother on Christmas Day has been sent to a secure psychiatric hospital indefinitely.

Maxwell Twyman will now only be released on the approval of the Ministry of Justice.

The 25-year-old admitted stabbing 62-year-old Valerie Twyman on Christmas Day last year.

He pleaded guilty to her manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Twyman said that the use of cannabis was one of the factors that led him to kill her as she lay in her bed.

After the attack Twyman went to a family member's home and confessed to the killing.

The person he confided in then notified other members of the family and went to check on Valerie. They discovered her body on her bedroom floor.

A post-mortem examination revealed that she died as a result of multiple stab wounds.

Twyman was arrested later that day at an address in Ramsgate. He was then taken to Margate police station for questioning.

The investigation was led by Det Insp Trevor Fleming, who said: "This tragedy has torn a family apart and robbed Valerie's children and grandchildren of precious memories."

"It also means that no Christmas will pass without them thinking about the way in which a loving grandmother lost her life."

"I hope that this result will give the family and friends of Valerie Twyman some closure and allow them to move forward with their lives."



DRUG USER: Maxwell Twyman

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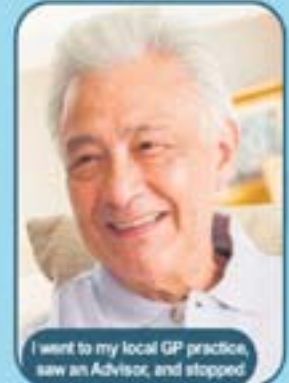
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### RACHEL HOLLIDAY



#### Q How do you see your job?

**A** My role is to oversee the whole charity and breaks down into two main areas – current and future projects. For the current projects, I monitor the overall quality of the services we provide – whether that be hostels for homeless people or support to prevent people from becoming homeless. I carry out internal inspections and make sure reports for funders are completed to deadlines. I attend many meetings with other agencies such as local councils and social services. For future projects, I work on ideas for developing new services to help vulnerable people.

#### Q What is the most challenging aspect of it?

**A** Having enough hours in the day to get through everything. This sector is forever changing and it's really important to embrace any change, but that's not always easy. When I first started with Porchlight, nine years ago as a hostel manager, the charity only had 20 staff and helped about 60 clients at any one time. We now have 100 staff and can support more than 500 clients, so things have really changed. However, one of the things I enjoy most about the job is that it's varied, interesting and no two days are ever the same.

#### Q How best can you help people?

**A** Porchlight helps people in three ways – outreach, housing and preventative work.

Our street outreach team works across Kent by finding rough sleepers and helping them get housed and access to the basics such as health care, food and benefits. We also provide supported housing across east Kent – most are general hostels for homeless people, but some are specialist projects, for example for those with mental health issues or for young people. Finally, we support people in their own homes who are vulnerable to prevent them becoming homeless in the first place.

#### Q Are there any things which could be changed in law to help your work?

**A** Funding is always difficult to gain. It would be better if longer-term funding was available, for example some funders will only fund for a year, which is problematic in that it can take quite a while to set up a project, but if it is only for a year it can be hard to retain staff. Three-year funding or longer is much easier to work with.

#### Q What things could be done to better support the people with whom you work?

**A** More understanding from people about homelessness and those who are affected by it. Sometimes people make a lot of assumptions about the people we work with which just aren't true. The clients we work with are very diverse – we work with people as young as 16 and up to 65 years, men and women. Some are from good backgrounds, some are not – basically homelessness can happen to anyone.

#### Q How do you feel about the award nomination?

**A** I am very excited. I feel honoured to be nominated and it's a chance to get Porchlight recognised to a wider audience. It's also an excuse to buy a new dress!

#### Q Will you be celebrating?

**A** I am attending the ceremony with my husband, so I'm sure we'll be celebrating there if I am lucky enough to win. However, just going to the ceremony itself will be very exciting and a great opportunity to meet others.

#### Q How do you relax outside work?

**A** I belong to a number of amateur dramatic groups in east Kent, including the Arden Theatre in Faversham and Herne Bay Little Theatre. Being in plays is a great way to relax and meet new people. I love to read, as well, and belong to a book group called Ex Libris.

#### Q What are your current projects?

**A** Porchlight is about to open a new accommodation project called George Culmer Court in Thanet. It's our first new accommodation project for over three years, so we are very excited. The project is for those with mental health issues and is unique in Kent as there will be our staff, the Mental Health Trust staff and Housing 21 all working together.

QA

Rachel Holliday has just been nominated for an award for her work with charity Porchlight, which helps vulnerable people to make the best of their lives. Here she talks to **Nick Ames** about her efforts.

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# New limits on booze cruisers hit county

BUSINESSES and ports in Kent will be hardest hit by a vote in the European Parliament that threatens to end the booze cruise trade, the leader of the UK Independence Party has warned.

Nigel Farage, a Euro MP for the South East, criticised the new guidelines, which would cut the amount of cigarettes and alcohol that Brits can bring back from the Continent, blaming the move on "appalling puritans".

Under the rules the tobacco allowance will be slashed by almost 90 per cent and drink limits by half. "It is tough enough with the fall of the pound against the euro," said Mr Farage.

"A booze cruise to Calais or Boulogne is a good fun day out and very good for Kent, good for Kent business and good for the ports.

"If you take away the cheap fags and booze,

BY JENNA PUDELEK

people will not go in big numbers – and who does that benefit?

"It is just these appalling puritans wanting to control every aspect of our lives, and people will go on smoking and drinking, of course."

But those in favour of the guidelines on cross-Channel shopping said it would put a stop to cheap alcohol and cigarettes being resold.

In a knife-edge vote last week, 328 MEPs were in favour and 319 against the strict new guidelines for "personal consumption".

Three out of 10 South East Euro MPs, who represent Kent, voted in favour of the legislation, which could come into force in two years' time – Caroline Lucas, leader of the Green Party, LibDem Sharon Bowles and Labour's Peter Skinner.

MEPs backed new guidelines of 400 cigar-

ettes, 200 cigarillos and 100 cigars, compared with UK Customs limits for returning travellers of 3,200 cigarettes, 400 cigarillos and 200 cigars.

With drink, the European parliament defined personal consumption as five litres of spirits, 45 litres of wine and 55 litres of beer, as opposed to UK Customs guidelines for personal consumption as ten litres of spirits, 90 litres of wine and 110 litres of beer.

Mr Farage said he planned to fight the cuts.

"I think there is going to be intensive lobbying against it now. Kent will be hardest hit because there is nowhere else you can feasibly go for a day trip to France from."

However, a spokeswoman for ferry operator P&O said the company did not think the new rules would affect trade. "There will still be no legal limit on the amount of goods you can bring back. They are levels, not limits. They are a guide for Customs officers to work by."

## Gap year travel plans could earn £1,000 bonus

A PROJECT entitled gapyearlotto could be about to bring a new angle to researching student travel.

Aimed at 17- to 26-year-olds, gapyearlotto.com claims to offer a new way to explore the world.

People who register have every click they make on the website's links recorded.

Each click then acts as a raffle ticket in a £1,000 monthly giveaway.

The project is the work of gap year student Charlie Walker. Fed up with using the internet at random, he decided to design his own programme which focused on showing off what different countries had to offer.

A spokesman said: "So gapyearlotto.com was born. Despite the name, a gap year is not required to users."

"They just have to be in the student age group and interested in travel. The cash on offer can be used to fund the travel that someone has researched."

The project is in its final stages of completion, and aims to launch on January 1.

Users can sign up for free at [www.gapyearlotto.com](http://www.gapyearlotto.com).

## Renowned author to address CPRE

THE Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is to hold its annual meeting on Friday.

The group is due to select a new chairman, with Richard Knox-Johnson likely to take the post.

Currently vice-chairman, he is a business consultant specialising in the financial sector and a former soldier.

New nominations for vice-president include Ashford MP Damian Green, county tourist alliance chief and recent

High Sheriff Amanda Cottrell and Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Derek Wyatt.

The meeting, at Lenham Community Centre, starts at 2pm and the charity says any residents who want to see the new officers elected are welcome to attend.

After the meeting, naturalist, author and TV presenter Richard Mabey will give a lecture entitled A Parable from the Backwoods.

BACKWOODS: Naturalist and author Richard Mabey will give a lecture at CPRE Kent's annual meeting at Lenham on Friday



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# Campaign signs up to save lives

BY NICK AMES

SPEED camera sites are set to have posters fixed to them spelling out just why they are there to slow down motorists.

Amid continued claims that speed cameras are installed purely to boost revenue streams, the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership has launched a scheme whereby posters show the number of casualties in the three years before each camera was set up.

The latest stage of the Speed Shatters Life campaign was launched this week with head injuries charity Headway.

It is hoped that the green posters will highlight just why the cameras are necessary.

The partnership says each safety camera acts as a memorial for those who have been killed or seriously injured on the county's roads and it hopes the current poster campaign will make motorists slow down and think about their driving, not only at camera sites but on all roads in the county.



Katherine Barrett, communications officer for the partnership, said: "Speed Shatters Life aims to remind road-users that cameras have been installed to prevent death and serious injury on roads in Kent and Medway and are not there to make money."

"Since the partnership launched in July 2002, there has been an average 58 per cent reduction in those killed or

seriously injured at all our camera sites.

"We hope that on seeing the posters motorists will slow down and stick within the legal speed limit for everyone's safety."

Linda Kerley, Headway East Kent chief executive, said: "Road traffic crashes cause up to 50 per cent of all brain injuries and Headway are therefore more than happy to work with the partnership to help reduce these numbers."

"A brain injury is a hidden disability which affects not only the survivor of a crash but also their family and friends."

The Headway East Kent charity covers Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone and offers support and care for those who have sustained a severe head injury, together with their families or carers.

The charity is affiliated to Headway – the brain injury association which is the only UK charity dedicated to the care and reintegration of the head-injured into the community.

For further information, log on to [www.headway.org.uk](http://www.headway.org.uk).

Meanwhile, every camera location and its crash figures for before and after camera installation can be viewed at [www.kmscp.org](http://www.kmscp.org).



## Youngsters learn to junk fast food

THE majority of youngsters in the South East are unaware of the effects that eating junk food can have, according to a British Heart Foundation (BHF) survey published on Monday.

It revealed almost eight out of ten children (78 per cent) were unaware a shortened life was the worst consequence of eating badly. Almost half (46 per cent) of all eight- to 15-year-olds thought the most dangerous side-effects of junk food were making them put on weight, causing their teeth to rot, giving them spots, or making them unpopular.

The charity released the new survey results as it launched its latest Food4Thought initiative and its new online game, the Yoobot, to help children to make informed food choices.

Latest predictions show two-thirds of children will be over-

weight or obese by 2050 and today's youngsters may be the first generation to live shorter lives than their parents.

Almost a third (31 per cent) of 10- and 11-year-olds are overweight or obese.

The Yoobot is an online game ([yoobot.co.uk](http://yoobot.co.uk)) which allows children to play with their future, helping them understand the long-term effects of a poor diet.

BHF director of prevention and care, Mike Knapton, said: "Today's junk food generation are missing the fact that eating unhealthily can have dire consequences on long-term health."

"The Yoobot is an innovative way for children to explore the effects of eating a diet of junk food. It is now more important than ever for children to be educated enough to take control of their diets."

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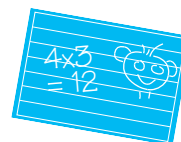
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# Grant gives students helping hand

WHEN sixth-formers from Rams-gate's Marlowe Academy set off for university, they do so not only with congratulations, but also with a £1,000-a-year grant.

This year, 16 students received grants from the Marlowe Academy Trust, a charitable fund set up by sponsor Roger De Haan, with help from Sandwich pharmaceutical giant Pfizer.

A further three students will receive the grants next year when they take up their deferred places at universities.

The grant is paid for each of the three or four years that Marlowe students are there.

And at a Marlowe awards evening, prizes

■ BY TOM BETTS

were awarded to students who had gained GCSEs and other qualifications either a year or two years earlier than normal.

Among them were 14-year-old Charmaine Wheeler, who took and gained a Btec in science two years early, and Emma Kelly, Danielle Moore and Arron Saunders, who picked up GCSEs in English and maths grade C and above a year early.

As well as many prizes for academic achievement, there were awards for attendance, outstanding progress and service to the community.

Thirteen-year-old Emillie Shaw gained a

community service award for raising more than £1,000 for the cancer care unit at Margate's Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital.

The awards were presented by former Ramsgate School teacher and Marlowe Academy senior management team member Gennette Elcock, who is now deputy head of Castle Community College in Deal.

Her message to students past and present was: "Don't ever give up learning – you can learn from anybody. Find somebody who can help to inspire you and keep learning because you can only progress through learning."

A special service to the community prize – the Veterans' Cup – was presented to Kurtis Izaacs and Iesha Matthews by the president of the

Folkestone Royal Navy Association, Jeff Fowler, and RNA representative Malcolm Jarrett.

Kurtis and Iesha filmed interviews for the academy's website and helped out when more than 120 ex-service personnel attended the annual Marlowe Academy Veterans' Day in July.

Marlowe principal Ian Johnson paid tribute to staff and students.

He also thanked the academy's sponsor Roger De Haan, Pfizer and trustees for helping the Marlowe's university entrants.

He said: "We all know that going to university is not as cheap as it used to be, but Roger and the trustees wish that the £1,000-a-year grants go some way towards helping our students to enjoy their life at university."

## Final appearance is just the beginning for street runner

BROADSTAIRS runner Hadley Pressley is making a name for himself in the fast-growing sport of street athletics, which is run by former Olympic champions Linford Christie and Darren Campbell.

The 17-year-old qualified from heats in Thanet and regional finals in Folkestone to qualify for the grand final in Manchester next week, with the chance to win a year-long contract with Reebok.

Street athletics is a series of community-focused events throughout

the UK in which youngsters are invited to race against each other over 60 metres. Hadley has impressed with a qualifying time of 7.71 seconds, although he is determined to improve on that.

Hadley can often be seen training in isle parks and running with weights on his legs and a small parachute trailing behind him to create resistance to help him build stamina.

He said: "Street athletics is great. The whole idea is that it is open to anyone and it is about building

athletics at the grass-roots level."

A member of Ashford Athletic Club, he has his sights set on stepping up his race distance to 100m and hopes to one day represent his county and then his country.

He is the record-holder in the 100m, 200m and long jump at St George's School, Broadstairs, where he is in the sixth form.

St George's principal Keith Rumblo said: "Hadley is a really fast runner and a good athlete. We are behind his bid to do well at the sport."

### BREAK TIME

## Students flushed with success of cancer charity fund-raiser

A CHARITY day held by Ramsgate students has raised about £1,000 for the Breast Cancer UK charity.

Two hundred specially-made T-shirts were sold at the Chatham House event at £4.25 each, while a non-uniform day with pink – the cancer campaign's colour – was the predominant colour for many students and staff.

Kitchen staff served up a special menu with pink-coloured food, while a sponsored netball match saw a students' team beat a staff side 6-4.



TEAM: Pupils took on staff at netball

Head-teacher John Mathews said: "The students deserve the fullest praise for putting together another splendid charity day. It was a great community effort."

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## Fingers crossed the Turner art gallery will be a success

AT LONG last, this week groundworks will finally begin on the Turner Contemporary Gallery site.

As a life-long resident and county council member for Margate and Cliftonville I welcome this long-overdue action and the millions of pounds to be invested by several different agencies in the town I love.

However, anyone who knows Margate and its residents will also know the three key remaining concerns of local people:

- That this work could all be too little too late.
- That there will not be anything like enough parking for the gallery.
- The real fear for local ratepayers of being left with a 'white elephant' that could continue to drag down the town for years to come.

Across Kent, people speak regularly of the millions of pounds wasted on the first Turner project, but personally I've been far more concerned about the wasted years and the devastating effect that has had on my hometown.

I fear we simply could not afford those long periods without any real action and these needless delays were quite simply unforgivable.

The fiasco that surrounded the first Turner project, where managers, architects and engineers spent long periods of time and effort attempting to convince local people they had a strong enough form of concrete to cope with the incredibly aggressive environment, only to change to an expensively-priced steel construction at the last moment, was symptomatic of a scheme running totally out of control.

### Patronising

The KCC leadership finds it difficult to understand why so many local people are indifferent or even against the current Turner project, yet several years ago the same Conservative administration at County Hall in Maidstone gave itself 'excellent progress' status in relation to the Turner Contemporary.

That was around the time the first Turner project failed and millions of pounds were lost.

I ask you, how could anyone be anything but cynical when the county leadership had behaved so patronisingly towards residents?

With the advent of the second Turner project I pushed even harder for local involvement,

and the KCC administration finally gave us a public meeting at the Winter Gardens.

Even then, the Conservative leader, Paul Carter, promised the people of Margate a gallery that would "open in 2009 and be built for £15 million and not a penny more".

Now we learn that if we're lucky it's going to be 2011 and cost more than £17m – and that doesn't include the extra million pounds spent by Kent Highways tearing up a perfectly good road next to the site.

I have consistently warned that good parking will be a key issue for this project, but no one listens and both KCC and TDC appear hell-bent on developing the adjacent Rendezvous car park.

Indeed, they plan to rely on the development of the car park as revenue funding towards the £2m annual cost of the gallery in the future.

I think the latest David Chipperfield design is very good and, despite the many empty promises and continuing concerns, I still look forward – with fingers firmly crossed – in the hope that the gallery will be a success.

We really should be celebrating the grand opening of the gallery this week, not just the overdue start of groundworks.

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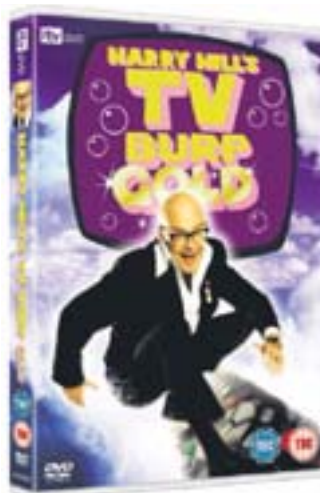
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The week's viewing isn't complete without Harry's universally-acclaimed spin on the soaps, big-budget dramas, and reality television oddities we've all been enjoying. Over the years TV Burp has served up plenty of inventive send-ups.

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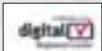
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## TALK TIME

### OWEN FORREST

The owner of a vehicle maintenance business has turned his passion into his profession



#### What do you do for a living and do you like it?

I'm the owner of Kent Car Craft, a vehicle maintenance, customising and repair workshop on the West Cliff of Ramsgate in Thanet. We work on all makes and models of vehicles from the everyday car to performance models and British and American classics. We recently completed rebuild work on a 1969 Chevrolet Corvette.

Other recent classics to pass through the workshop include a 1964 Ford Zephyr, 1980 Lancia Gamma and a 1976 Ford Capri. Many of our customers own imported and performance cars that require specialist knowledge and parts sourcing that we can provide.

#### Why did you get into it?

I was into cars in a big way from a young age, so young in fact I was told my first audible word was 'wheel!' My main influence was my dad, who has always had a passion for performance cars. We used to go to car shows and race meetings and I remember the deafening noise of Top Fuel drag cars thundering down the track.

#### How is business at the moment, during the crunch?

We have built up an extensive customer database that continues to expand. Of course we have felt the squeeze, like many other small businesses, but our loyal customers have supported us. We've managed to keep our pricing competitive while still delivering the same high-quality service. I always envisaged providing the quality experience you're likely to get at a main dealer but with the personal and cost-effective benefits of a family-run business.

#### What plans do you have for the future of your firm?

Other than our customers, the number one priority is to continue to develop the knowledge and skills of the team. I already employ one apprentice and we have been commended for providing work experience for young people.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Commuters can't take a price hike

*Open letter to Charles Horton, of the Southeastern train company:* It is intimated to me in this place that my constituent commuters and others travelling from Margate, Westgate, Birchington and Herne Bay to London are once again likely to face the imposition of a considerably above-average rail fare increase for the coming year.

If that is so then it will be the third year in succession in which passengers from East Kent will be asked to pay for a domestic service that is diminishing and for a 'high-speed' line to a terminus that they do not wish to arrive at. Such a situation would be intolerable and could, in the present economic climate, even lead to civil disobedience.

Your company's website indicates that "New high speed trains from Kent to St Pancras International will dramatically reduce journey times".

For those travelling from, say, Birchington to work in Whitehall, Westminster, Victoria or the City the total journey times (including underground) are likely to be appreciably longer and the costs appreciably higher still.

I do not regard that as offering the "faster more convenient link to London" your website suggests and nor can I see it will "greatly benefit the Kent region and transform business in the area".

Only real investment in the upgrading of the line between Ashford and Thanet, and the creation of a Parkway station, will make a significant difference to the prospects of east Kent and to date I detect no sign that either South East Trains or Network Rail are prepared to

make that commitment. You are, I think, in danger of loading the costs so heavily against rail and so far in favour of the single passenger travelling from east Kent to London by car that your increases will prove dangerously counter-productive.

I would welcome your assurance that this year's increase will be at or below the 3.3 per cent plus inflation at July or, if this is not your present plan, urge you to think again. My constituents cannot bear yet another unrealistic burden.

I am, because of the importance of this issue, making my concerns known to the media.

Roger Gale MP  
Thanet North

### No reason for M&S building purchase

I would like to question the reasoning behind the ruling Conservative council's purchase of the old Marks and Spencer building in Margate when at the same time it is proposing to sell another asset that it has owned for more than 70 years and hasn't had to buy – Northdown House.

All the Margate Corporation (forerunner to Thanet council) paid for that was the Friend family's legal costs and an amount to a development company to clear an option on the house and park.

No one seems to have had to explain the reasoning for a purchase on a mortgage of the Marks and Spencer building and what the proposed use of the building in the long term is supposed to be.

If it hasn't got money to maintain all the buildings that it already owns – the reason for the asset management consultation – why buy any more?

Ady  
Margate

### God bless you for helping out BABS

Through these columns I would like to offer a most sincere thank-you to all my many friends who came on Brenda's Autumn Bash (BABS) and contributed £110 to the QE/QM cancer care appeal.

Thanks also to everyone who once again kindly brought prizes for the raffle.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year. God bless you.

MB Sotos  
Cliftonville

### Noise annoys and MEPs must act now

The European Parliament's Industry Committee has rejected modest noise policies which would have removed the noisiest tyres from use no later than 2018.

Since half of the EU's population is exposed to noise levels likely to damage their health, according to World Health Organisation standards, this is not a minor issue. On December 2, 2008, the Internal Market Committee of the European Parliament will vote on this issue.

Kent Green Party urges the public to write to their Members of the European Parliament immediately to prevent further weakening of noise policies.

Go to [www.writetothem.com/](http://www.writetothem.com/) to find your MEPs.

Steve Dawe  
Kent Green Party

### Tories must answer for vanity web TV

As someone who has spent his working life in newspapers, I am saddened to see the tough times

being suffered by the local newspaper industry in this country.

However, are readers aware of the threats to the local press caused not by the advertising recession but by publicly-funded bodies?



FREE PRESS: David Cameron backs local media

I refer to the BBC and our very own Kent County Council.

The BBC wants to increase its local news coverage on the web in direct competition to local news organisations which have been involved with their communities for years and always seek to give readers a voice.

The corporation has been panned in recent years for incidents of 'politically correct, left-wing bias'.

And here in Kent our own county council has spent more than £1 million of council taxpayers' money on making its own – unsuccessful so far – web TV.

Now the Tory-controlled council looks set to spend another £400,000 of our cash on this vanity project.

Last week Conservative leader David Cameron assured the

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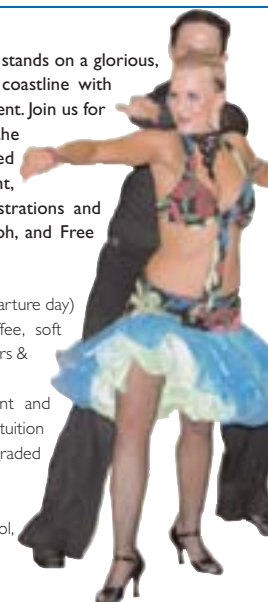
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Newspaper Society that a Conservative government would not allow the BBC to destroy the local press using money that everyone is forced to pay through the licence fee.

So why are his Conservative chums at County Hall carrying on with their own money-wasting project when their own leader can clearly see that a local free press, without political bias, is vital to this country?

I believe the county council has a lot of explaining to do.

T Smith  
by email

## Dartford crossing tolls are just not fair

Last week this paper carried a story about the Dartford crossing and the tolls. As a frequent visitor to Essex for my job I have to say I don't think there should be any charges.

This is a public highway and why should we have to pay for using it?

If tolls were in place on other major roads, maybe this would be acceptable – but they are not.

Why should road-users like me be penalised because of the route I need to take?

John Buchanan  
by email

## I applaud this paper's clean-hands campaign

I applaud the campaign which KOS Media is running about the importance of washing hands to combat the spread of disease.

It is an obvious thing to some

people, but to others it really does need to be stated.

But maybe it should be carried to other parts of the country – apparently, according to a recent survey, northerners have the dirtiest hands in the UK.

Nigel Thompson  
by email

## Two wheels bad if you're a pedestrian

Regarding the ongoing debate about car taxes – why is there not a cycle tax for riders who use the footpath?

They are a far bigger danger than cars and seem to carry on without a thought for anyone who is using the path legitimately.

Cyclists always go on about how environmentally-friendly they are – well, walker-friendly they are most definitely not.

Paul Hawthorne  
by email

## LibDems offer our only financial hope

The Conservative party is in a real quagmire as to how it would solve the present economic problems.

With the country sliding into a deeper and deeper recession, both David Cameron and George Osborne will have to produce their own answers to the problems if they wish to be seen as a credible government in waiting.

Will they just revert back to the 'Thatcherite' idea of reining back on public spending or have to completely reinvent their economic policies?

They are totally at a loss on how to help the ordinary people of Thanet and the rest of the United Kingdom without upsetting their business paymasters.

It seems once again that the only solution without putting the country into massive debt and creating a problem for tax-payers in the future, like Gordon Brown, comes once again from Vince Cable and the Liberal Democrats.

Their option of significant and lasting tax cuts for people on low and middle incomes, like the vast majority of the residents of Thanet, would be to introduce a 4p-in-the-pound tax cut in the basic rate. This would put money straight back into the pockets of those who need it most now.

This would be funded in the main from very high earners, closing tax loopholes of the very wealthy, including taxing capital gains at the same level of income tax, clamping down on tax avoidance in areas such as Stamp Duty and ending the upper rate tax relief on pensions.

Nobody can predict the length and depth of this current recession. Mr Brown cannot place all the blame on America – a lot of it is home-grown, like Northern Rock's 125 per cent mortgage offers and the Labour government's failure to lay aside our money for a rainy day.

Whilst a lower VAT rate is welcomed, we will all have to pay back any money the Government borrows in the future in even higher taxation – our taxation system is totally flawed, bringing advantages to the rich and burdening poorer families.

It's about time it was changed.

Bill Furness  
Epple Bay

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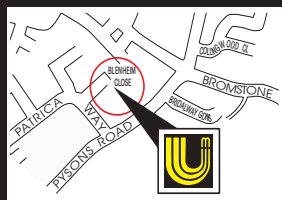
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**GOOD FRIENDS:** Some of the cast of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, while Emma Barton (below) is a real honey as the pantomime's leading lady

# Take a bite out of panto

## Marlowe's final Christmas is sure to be a laugh

HEIGH ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go as the Marlowe's Christmas pantomime gets under way.

The spectacular show will be packed with family fun and an all-star cast as it brings the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to life. With lots of laughs, great singing and dancing, stunning costumes, magical scenery and some fun audience participation, there should be plenty to keep people of all ages entertained.

The beautiful Snow White is played by Emma Barton, who played Honey Mitchell in Eastenders. Children's TV favourite Stephen Mulhern is back by popular demand as the cheeky Court Jester, while local legend Dave Lee will be picking up the ghost gag bench as Nurse Nellie.

Ben Roddy, whose stage credits include Deep Blue Sea, Pride and Prejudice and An Evening With Gary Lineker, will play Herman the Henchman. American actress Valerie Cutko will be bringing the Wicked Queen to life, while Kent's own Phil Holden will be appearing as one of the dwarfs. The dashing Prince Lorenzo is played by Richard Hurst, who has a variety of stage, TV and music credits to his name.



### SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Saturday, November 29, to Sunday, January 18  
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

Produced by the same team that brought Aladdin to The Marlowe last year, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs tells a classic story about betrayal, peril, friendship and love.

Snow White was already a popular fairytale in many European countries when the Brothers Grimm made the German version famous. In 1937 Disney made what many consider to be the definitive version

of the tale, giving the dwarfs individual names for the first time and creating what remains a favourite film with contemporary audiences more than 70 years later.

When a kindly queen hopes to have a beautiful daughter, her wish is granted and the child is named Snow White. But her mother dies and the king then marries a vain and spiteful woman. Every day the Wicked Queen asks her enchanted mirror 'Who is the fairest of them all?' and receives a satisfactory answer.

But one day the mirror tells her Snow White is now the fairest in all the land and in a jealous fury the Wicked Queen orders that her step-daughter be killed.

Unable to carry out the deed, a henchman releases Snow White into the forest, where she finds friendship with an unlikely band of characters – Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Bashful, Sleepy and Dopey.

When the Wicked Queen discovers the deception, she sets out to kill Snow White herself. What will become of our heroine?

This will be the last Marlowe pantomime before the theatre closes for redevelopment next year, so don't miss this chance to enjoy the fun.

Tickets are priced from £9 to £21.50. To book, call 01227 787787, or visit [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com).



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## THE HOLLOWAYS

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The band from north London had a great year in 2007, scoring hits with Generator and Two Left Feet, and earned a good deal of attention with their debut album, So This Is Great Britain? Fans flocked to see the upcoming stars perform at festivals such as Get Loaded in the Park and Glastonbury and, with a strong start behind them, the band headed to the famous Sawmills Studios to record their second album. But suddenly their meteoric careers came crashing back down to earth when their record company collapsed.

Not to be deterred, The Holloways pushed ahead, found a new label and now present a new EP, Sinners and Winners. The much-anticipated second album, Tales From The Tarmac, is due to follow early next year.

They will be supported by rising Kent band Underground Heroes, who have shared stages with the likes of The View, Kasabian, The Cribs and Kate Nash. Seven Story



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YOUR WAY: You can join the Rat Pack in Margate

### Join Charlie for a tour of the Chocolate Factory

WILLY Wonka invites you into his magical kingdom in children's favourite Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Following the success of The Railway Children, this new Junior Sarah Thorne Theatre Club event is being staged at the Memorial Theatre in Hilderstone, Broadstairs, this weekend.

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### Step back in time to the swinging 60s at pub gig

PAY tribute to an entire decade when The Fabulous 6Ts visit a pub in Broadstairs on Sunday.

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## CANTERBURY TALES

Thursday to Saturday, November 27-29  
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STORIES of murder and mayhem are given a fresh twist in the Broadstairs Dickens Players' production of the Canterbury Tales.

Chaucer's much-loved yarns have been entertaining people since the 14th century with their romance, comedy, dastardly deeds, and saucy young wenches.

In this light-hearted stage adaptation by Phil Woods and Michael Bogdanov, the tales are told in modern English rhyming couplets. They are accompanied by music of the era played on authentic instruments, helping to transport the audience back to the 1300s.

Characters from all walks of life tell their, sometimes bawdy, stories as they make their pilgrimage from London to Canterbury Cathedral. This stage version presents an accessible, non-academic version while still retaining the satire, humour and knockabout fun of the original stories.

The cast includes talented local actors such as Philip Shaw, Steve Todd, Jon Carr, Jo Slater and Janice Biggs. It is directed by Miranda Peacock.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £9 or £8 for school groups. To book, phone 0845 1301786 or 01227 787787.



## CHRIS ADDISON

Wednesday, December 3  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

EXPECT whimsy and lies when award-winning comedian Chris Addison comes to Canterbury next week.

With his energetic routines, daft ideas and faultless delivery, Addison was nominated for the former Perrier Awards twice and is now seen as one of the UK's most versatile comics. He appeared in the Bafta Award-winning political comedy series The Thick Of It and this year wrote and starred in his own BBC2 sitcom, Lab Rats. Set in a university research laboratory, it featured a host of bizarre characters all trying to advance science while coping with their varied personal lives.

He landed his own BBC radio series, Chris Addison's Civilisation, in 2006 and



that year he won the Sony UK Radio Award for Best Comedy Show for his anthropological lecture series 'The Ape That Got Lucky, with Dan Tetsell.

His comedy is described as a mixture of 'smarty-pants daftness, whimsy, perspira-

tion, lies and jokes'. At the time of writing, tickets were selling fast so move quickly to secure your seat.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £14. Call the box office on 01227 769075, or book online at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

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The assertive taste of the prawns is perfectly complemented by the curry paste and offset by the cooling effects of lime juice and a dash of coconut milk. The dish makes a fabulous meal and is good served alongside steaming Thai jasmine rice and stir-fried green beans.

Celebrity chef Anthony Worrall Thompson (pictured left, above) is just one of many fans of the restaurant.

He particularly applauded the red curry lamb - awarding it top prize in the Thanet Summer Sizzle a couple of years back.

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## Ahead of the competition

### ■ Pad Thai

THE restaurant in Broadstairs opened for business around this time last year as a sister venue to the already well-established Siam Kitchen.

It has grown in popularity and is now recognised as one of the best eastern cuisine places in Thanet.

Known officially as a noodle lounge – rather than the more formal restaurant – staff want everyone who comes through the doors to be able to relax and enjoy their meal.

Pad Thai is a casual dining venue offering home-cooked food with a minimum of fuss. It also has a garden area and makes children extremely welcome.

Best-selling dish at the moment is sweet shredded beef because of its combination of intense sweet and savoury flavour with a special dark soy sauce. Some customers have even nicknamed it 'chocolate beef' because of its combination of flavours.

Situated in Albion Street, Pad Thai has a loyal range of customers.

One recently went to Thailand and the first thing they did on returning home was to order a takeaway from their favourite place for food.



Obviously Pad Thai was well ahead of its competition in Bangkok.

Lunch is served from noon to 2.30pm and dinner from 6pm to 11pm seven days a week.

### CHEF RECOMMENDS

#### Thai House, Birchington

Green curry chicken is rich and mild and perfectly complements the gentle taste and texture of diced, stir-fried chicken breast. Enjoy it with a steaming bowl of fragrant steamed Thai jasmine rice and a serving of Thai-style, wok-cooked green beans with garlic and mushroom. Dessert: Pandang leaf coconut pancakes, fragrant slender pancakes with a coconut filling. Phone: 01843 841760.

#### The Oriental, Sandwich

Start Chinese crispy roast duck with cucumber, spring onion, steamed pancakes and hoi sin sauce. Then peppered lamb, stir-fried with black peppercorn, chilli, bamboo shoots and basil leaves. Dessert: deep-fried banana in rice paper, topped with honey ice cream. Phone 01304 611033.

#### Kent International

King prawns pan-fried with garlic butter and herbs are great, followed by roast rack of lamb with rosemary gratin dauphinoise and redcurrant sauce. Finish with banoffee pie and chocolate sauce. Phone: 01843 588276.

#### Pad Thai, Broadstairs

Popular starters are crispy prawn rolls, chicken and mango salad, crispy calamari with garlic and chilli. Main meals include massaman of braised lamb shank curry, fried mixed veg with tofu, green devil chilli duck, caramelised Tamarind jumbo prawns, exotic vegetarian fried rice, pad thai with crabmeat. Desserts: banana in coconut milk, fresh mango with vanilla ice-cream, toffee honey pot ice-cream. Phone: 01843 593287.

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Traditional food with a modern twist is what the restaurant prides itself on and the dishes are served in a unique setting with spectacular views overlooking the harbour.

Good-sized portions at the right price and an attitude towards the customer second to none are the major reasons why this restaurant has such an enviable local reputation – and one which continues to grow.

Celebrity diners who have taken a meal at the venue include screen stars Susannah York, Amanda Donohue and Martine McCutcheon.

Steak and ale pie, home-made with hand-



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With brandy sauce

### Profiteroles

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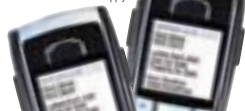
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## Yummy mummy

See how style guru Nicole gave Sunita a new look

YOUNG mum Sunita Ralh decided she needed to dump her T-shirt and jeans for a new glam look so we sent her along to Detail Style image studio to meet Nicole Pitt-Williams, a qualified fashion and image stylist.

Sunita was determined to find some alternatives that are simple to maintain as she juggles a hectic life as a full-time mum and beauty therapy student.

"But I still like to have fun with my girlfriends when I have the chance and I wanted Nicole to help me find the right look," she said.

First Nicole gave Sunita, 27, from Folkestone, a colour consultation to find the perfect hues to complement her skin tone, eye and hair colour.

She explained: "I then moved on to the style consultation, which looks at the body as a whole and works on proportions, camouflaging the parts we like to hide and highlighting the assets."



BEFORE: Jeans and T-shirt

So it was off to New Look in Ashford, where they stock the fabulous Inspire range for sizes 18-26 and offer excellent value to fit Sunita's budget.

Sunita said: "I'm really happy with the result and now I'm looking forward to showing off my new looks. And



**GIRL'S GOT STYLE:** Casual (jeans, price £12; top, price £10; faux fur gilet, price £10) or smart (dress, price £25; shrug, price £12; bow shoes, price £20), Sunita has a new style for every occasion, and has been transformed from her previous self, left

thanks to the colour swatch and a shopping guide, I'm now really looking forward to shopping alone."

Nicole aims during her consultations to help people find out about styles that suit their body, colours that them perfectly and useful ways of saving money.

So, as well as looking slimmer, younger, more professional and feeling more confident, Detail Style aims help you to shop smart too.

Prices for Nicole's help start from £25. But readers can have a free no obligation 30-



minute consultation, by calling Nicole on 01303 245028 or email her on Nicole@detailstyle.com.

And the first 15 readers to contact Nicole will receive a free 50 image Essential Style guide. Nicole will be running style workshops soon – the first will be held in Folkestone on Saturday, December 6.

• Sunita had her hair restyled by Rachel at DIVA Hair Design, Hythe, 01303 266364  
Photographs were taken at The Grand, The Leas, Folkestone.

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HMV is selling a host of top titles for as little as £2.99. Grab copies of Deja Vu, Minority Report, Hulk, Dirty Harry, Fargo, Twelve Angry Men, Terminator 3 and many others at the bargain price.

Just a snip more, at £4.99, check out Atonement, There Will Be Blood, Knocked Up, Oceans 13, Die Hard 4.0 and Disturbia, among others.

Visit the store at Westwood Cross, or visit [www.hmv.com](http://www.hmv.com) for details.

#### Never feel underdressed again with this suit

WITH party season upon us, that tuxedo problem can be solved for a budget price at Asda.

The store's George range has a £25 tux jacket for men. The fully-lined jacket is tailor-cut with satin trim.

To complete the ensemble, buy a shirt and bow-tie set for £10 and black tuxedo trousers for £10.

Bow-ties are available separately for just £3.

Visit [www.asda.co.uk](http://www.asda.co.uk) and click on 'Asda direct' then 'George' to check out the bargain.

#### Dress to impress with the perfect party outfit

FOR ladies in the party mood, the Dorothy Perkins website is a winner.

The store's collection of party frocks is worth a look if your wardrobe lacks that special item for a shindig.

A peacock sequin corsage dress is £30, or a yellow or blue pleated prom dress in satin (£35) carries the 'Gok Wan recommends' badge. He has also endorsed a black-lace bubble-hem dress (£35) and a blue tartan tie waist-dress (£35).

See [www.dorothyperkins.com](http://www.dorothyperkins.com), or pop into the stores in Margate or at Westwood Cross for a selection.

#### Bring some sparkle to your home with offer

MATALAN is offering three-for-two on all items in its Christmas shop for your yuletide needs.

Deck the halls with mini chandeliers, tassle baubles, stockings, wreaths and other decorations at bargain prices.

The store is also selling hand-finished cards, wrapping paper, gift bags, silver bows, glittered tags, 30 mini cards and other Christmas goods under the three-for-two banner.

For a look at festive season bargains, log on to [www.matalan.co.uk](http://www.matalan.co.uk).

#### Keep out the cold - wrap yourself up in a new coat

NEW Look's latest sale sees a large collection of women's jackets going cheap.

A faux fur gilet is now £12, from £25, and a similar faux fur bomber is £15, down from £35. Funky bombers in black, grey and purple crosshatch designs are now £20, and tweed tie bombers are now less than half price at £15 from £35.

A green tie neck-coat is also a steal at £30, down from £55.

Head along to the stores in Ramsgate, Margate or Westwood Cross, or click on [www.newlook.co.uk](http://www.newlook.co.uk).

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# Leo on the party line

BY KATE WHITING

**LEONARDO** DiCaprio has come a long way from being the 23-year-old heartthrob who sparked teenage mania in the blockbusting tearjerker *Titanic*.

Ten years on he still has the same youthful good looks, which today are partially covered with a little beard, and he still draws a screaming crowd to premieres, but he's a far more serious actor.

He campaigns about the environment, is politically outspoken and chooses his roles carefully.

When we meet to discuss his latest film, *Body Of Lies*, at a swish London hotel, it's just days after Barack Obama's historic US presidential election victory and DiCaprio is clearly thrilled.

"I was in Rome [on election day]. I stayed up all night and watched the results come in and it was an overwhelming, resounding victory for our fantastic new president. I couldn't be more excited," he says.

Appropriately, *Body Of Lies* deals with the very real ramifications of the outgoing President George W Bush's 'war on terror' in the Middle East.

DiCaprio plays Roger Ferris, a CIA agent on the ground, spying on terrorist cells, while a fattened-up Russell Crowe plays Ed Hoffman, who plans Ferris' operations from his laptop back home in the USA.

The 34-year-old said: "In a turbulent time like this, when the US is occupying the Middle East, here you have a highly trained CIA operative who's very effective at what he does, he's forged valuable relationships in the Middle East but he's not looking for that



**YOUR CALL:** Leonardo DiCaprio plays CIA agent Roger Ferris in *Body of Lies*

quick fix, the appearance of victory, he's looking for long-term solutions and he's trying to respect the culture and reach a positive result. Meanwhile his country is constantly undermining him and usurping his intelligence and I feel like my character was operating in a higher moral context than his country would like him to, and that's fascinating for me.

"He also goes on a long journey where he isn't beholden to any country or idealistic thought or political regime, and he doesn't

necessarily believe in the war. What a great character to be able to play, certainly at a time like this."

You could almost believe that DiCaprio was talking about himself or the new US administration.

"There's a lot of differences between the old administration and the new one," he says.

"Obama's been very vocal about wanting to stop the war in the Middle East and the American people have spoken in droves

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about that as well. What's been beautiful for me, going on this film tour, is to see how supportive the rest of the world has been about Obama winning.

"It's really a special time in my life to watch this historic event and it's been more profound that I ever imagined."

In January, DiCaprio will team up with *Titanic* co-star Kate Winslet again in the Oscar-tipped *Revolutionary Road*, directed by Winslet's husband, Sam Mendes.

But rather than recapturing the star-crossed lovers on the doomed ship, DiCaprio and Winslet play a young couple in 1950s America, struggling to make their relationship work.

"She's one of my best friends and we've been in communication a lot since *Titanic*. This project sort of came out of nowhere, it was one she had secretly been developing," he explains.

"We both knew the territory very well and all the stuff that would come with us working together again, but this was a unique piece of material. For a relationship movie, this was diametrically opposed to what we had done before."

**BODY OF LIES**  
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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**RUDE TUBE**  
E4, 10pm, Wednesday  
**A QUESTION OF SPORT**  
BBC One, 7.30pm, Friday

■ BY TOM BETTS

THOSE of you who are not internet-crazy but still interested in what is going on online may want to check out Rude Tube, E4's window into the best of what video-hosting sites like YouTube have to offer.

What's good about this show is that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of the World Wide Web, there's so much to choose from that even the most ardent surfer will miss some things.

As well as steering the way to an occasional classic (that guy who danced his silly dance in ever more exotic locations around the globe), there are pointers to those less well-known clips, the little gems that may have passed you by.

From the man who took a picture of himself every day for six years, to Alanis Morissette's unique take on the Black Eyed Peas hit My Lumps, the choice is almost infinite.

While Rude Tube is not a show to slap in your diary, as half an hour of escapism and a look at the weird and wonderful world of the web, it delivers quite nicely.

A Question of Sport is a funny old animal these days, is it not?

When I was a lad, just knee-high to Emlyn Hughes's shinpads or Bill Beaumont's rugby socks, this was a solid bit of family viewing with a winning formula.

Picture Board, What Happened Next, oh, and who's that dressed as a milkman in the Mystery Guest round... Linford Christie or Martin Offiah?



**WRONG ANSWER:** Question of Sport captains Dawson (left) and Tufnell are not up to scratch

You could set your watch by the formula, it was like a reliable family friend similar to the man with the deep voice who announces the football scores.

It's all gone to pot these days, though, and now seems to be more of a personality contest than a sports quiz.

Main offenders are Phil Tufnell and the easy-to-despise Matt Dawson, show-off extraordinaire and possibly the cockiest man on the box right now.

The most amusing part of the show these days is trying to keep track of the never-ending amount of handshakes handed out by Tuffers (seriously, try... it's almost mesmeric).

Not content with ruining this classic, for some strange reason the Beeb has even started to repeat this one on Monday nights, while we have to wait for original programming, the rather good Inside Sport.

It's not A Question of Sport, and furthermore it's not cricket either.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
WORKING with a charitable organisation brings out your leadership skills. You're able to keep people focused on the ideals of a project, rather than the niggling details. A benefactor could give you money to continue with a bold initiative. Be sure to use the cash wisely.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
AN irresistible sexual attraction could throw life off kilter. This was the last thing you were expecting. If you're already in a relationship, you need to decide whether you're going to stay with your partner or break ties altogether. Resist the temptation to take the middle road.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
DISCOVERING a hidden talent feels as though you've found a sixth sense. All of a sudden you appreciate life on levels you never dreamed possible. This creative turn will put you on the path to romance. If you have a lover, it will feel as though you've embarked on a second honeymoon.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
ADDITIONAL income could come your way. At long last, you'll be able to afford the luxuries you've always wanted. Be willing to tell a neighbour or sibling the painful truth. In time, they will thank you for your honesty and your reputation for good advice will blossom.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
YOU'RE in demand thanks to your ability to deal with people from all walks of life makes. Most of your time will be spent working behind the scenes and you'd rather work in private than have someone looking over your shoulder. Your new role will give you a fresh status.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
MAKING a serious commitment will result in a tremendous change. Operating as part of a team will change the way you view yourself. At long last, you realise you can't handle all of this responsibility by yourself. Leaning on someone who has your best interests at heart will be a relief.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
MOVING home is looking likely and it will be a great for you, even if it means leaving friends and family behind. Being in new surroundings will force you to acquire skills you'd otherwise avoid like becoming a fully fledged artist or creative thinker.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
YOU'RE sure a bright idea will be well received and you're right. Your fiscal fortunes will dramatically improve as a result of sharing your knowledge, skill or expertise because people are eager to learn what you have to teach. Personally, a relationship will take on a lighter note.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
YOU'RE starting to realise it's necessary to leave your usual surroundings to make a personal discovery. Getting in touch with your needs may prompt you to embark on a new career path. It will be much easier to command authority and respect when you have a better sense of who you are.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
THIS week brings you the determination and drive to take better care of yourself. Losing weight, eating better, and getting enough sleep makes you look years younger. Job opportunities related to travel, publishing, and education need to be checked out.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
PICKING up new knowledge will be an exciting turning point for you. Big changes look likely at home as well. You may have to stand up for what you believe to be right and part ways with a relative who has upset you in some way. Your self assertive stance will give you confidence.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
BREAKING a bad habit or overcoming a pessimistic attitude will liberate you physically and spiritually. As a result, you'll be able to assert yourself with renewed strength and vigour. Putting an end to out-moded relationships gives you more time to do what you love.  
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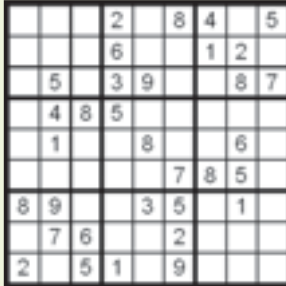
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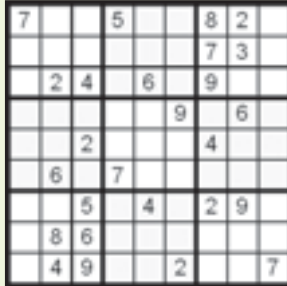
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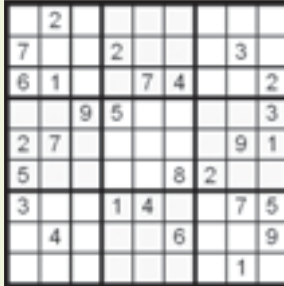
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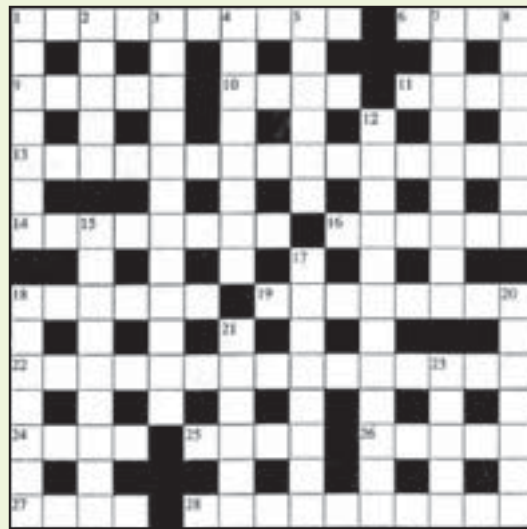
#### ACROSS

- 1 Jo is citing problem of being patriotic (10)
- 6 Boat from Cowes (not East) (4)
- 9 Army chief encountered heavenly body (5)
- 10 Still in tropical monsoon! (4)
- 11 In error I ask for drink (4)
- 13 Patient female attendants? (6-2-7)
- 14 Brightness in arcade flickering (8)
- 16 Opinion needed when one is divided by 506 (6)
- 18 Disc that is hanging loosely? (6)
- 19 Cold part of the motorway? (8)
- 22 Ten Commandments (9/6)
- 24 It depends on the listener (4)
- 25 Branch member (4)
- 26 Be removing exits (5)
- 27 Joke, one that's fatuous (4)
- 28 Unwilling, so to speak, to include first road, road in USA (10)

#### DOWN

- 1 Knave visual and humorous (7)
- 2 No crazy wanderer (5)
- 3 Behaving violently above the slope long time afterwards (2,3,7)
- 4 Brief cuts in CC transferred (8)
- 5 They are legally related (2-4)
- 7 Has been made more understandable now it has been purified (9)
- 8 Endless worm squirm (7)
- 12 Parts of a deer's rump? (12)
- 15 Scrawl 'insect' on the bomb (9)
- 17 Charlie exchanged blue garment (8)
- 18 Gore elf spilt on front 25 across! (7)
- 20 Prize - small flower (7)
- 21 Pocket charge for medicine (6)
- 23 Lady, one going before Beth (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 With strict walking pace (4,3,3)
- 6 Blackleg (4)
- 9 Crash (5)
- 10 Mechanical procedure (4)
- 11 Disadvantage (4)
- 13 One in the same vehicle (6-9)
- 14 Legislator (8)
- 16 Rhododendron-like plant (6)
- 18 Senility (6)
- 19 Throbbled (8)
- 22 Not a warm welcome (6,9)
- 24 Straight line (4)
- 25 Jazz dance (4)
- 26 Dismay (5)
- 27 Act silently (4)
- 28 Type of egg (4-6)

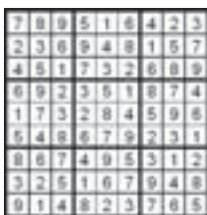
#### DOWN

- 1 Optimistic (7)
- 2 Electronic post (5)
- 3 Perfectly balanced (2,4,2,4)
- 4 Rodeo hat (anag.), lady's name (8)
- 5 Bandit (6)
- 7 Illuminated with wax cylinders (9)
- 8 Irish interjection (7)
- 12 Voice higher than contralto (5-7)
- 15 Amusing remark (9)
- 17 Speediest (8)
- 18 Harangue (7)
- 20 Hung freely (7)
- 21 Twelfth Night character (6)
- 23 Drive forward (5)

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### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No63

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## Take the big ship to Dunkirk

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

WE'RE pretty lucky here in Kent: we can genuinely boast some beautiful countryside, some great restaurants and decent days out.

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And when we want to get away for a few days, we are surely the best-placed in Britain: Europe is just 22 miles away.

I never understand why people subject themselves to a day driving to Devon or Cornwall only to face endless jams and over-priced food.

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And for a short break, France has always offered the people of Kent a lot.

I'd forgotten what Dunkirk was like. It's right on our doorstep, really, but over the years I have missed it because I've either turned right at the port heading for Le Touquet or Normandy, or if I have turned left I've generally been heading for Germany or farther east.

Norfolkline ferries out of Dover will take you to Dunkirk port in two hours for just £19 if you choose your time right.

Well, the port's not actually in Dunkirk; the town's another 11km east, but don't miss the charming little town of Gravelines, which is actually much closer and definitely worth a visit.

A walled town surrounded by canals, it has markets twice a week, pretty architecture and my meal in Le Harlequin restaurant near the waterfront ranks in my top ten seafood meals... ever.

Dunkirk, though, is a bustling town which still feels prosperous and balances nicely its



**HISTORIC PORT:** The Duchesse Anne, one of the Musée Portuaire attractions in Dunkirk

historic past and industrial present with the shopping and restaurants that are demanded by visitors.

After a few days in France the only thing I ever miss is a decent cup of tea, so I was pleasantly surprised to find a really lovely tearoom, La Palmeraie.

It's decorated with an African jungle theme, tucked away just off the main shopping centre, and it is popular with locals of all ages who popped for a cup of Darjeeling or Earl Grey (or about a dozen other types), along with a crêpe or gaufre (a pancake or waffle respectively).

Dunkirk has a lot of history. Founded in the 8th century, it is still France's third most important port (and, I learned, the very last city to be liberated in 1945).

Damn, I was determined not to mention 1940, Operation Dynamo or the Little Ships, so I won't – but be assured the town has not forgotten.

History goes back way before the wars, though, so look out for Jean Bart. You won't miss him, there's a huge statue in the centre of town.

Part private pirate and part French naval man, during the late 1600s Dunkirk's most celebrated son saved Paris from starvation and gave the British Navy a kicking at sea, too.

An interesting chap, as I discovered to my delight, at the Musée Portuaire (picture left).

I'm not a big fan of museums, but I was genuinely pleased I popped in. Alongside a look at the dockworkers' lives over the years in Dunkirk, and a summary of the aforementioned M.

Bart's successes, there is a special exhibition until January: The Story of the Liner.

Dunkirk made 11 between 1914 and 1966 and the museum shows models with mock-up cabins and uniforms. But the jewel for me is the 24-minute colour promotional film from 1953. A true insight into the time, complete with period racial stereotyping and everyone smoked (well, they were French).

Nowadays smoking indoors is banned and the social character of France has changed slightly. But for a couple of days, the town offers a convenient taste of France on our doorstep.

• We would like to thank the tourism offices in Dunkirk and Gravelines and Norfolkline Ferries (0844 8475042 or [www.Norfolkline.com](http://www.Norfolkline.com)) for their help.



**MALO les BAINS:** Where holidaymakers head in Dunkirk for the summer

### FACT FILE: FRANCE

Time difference	UK plus 1 hr
Capital	Paris
Population	60.7 million
Language	French
Climate	North, as UK
Religion	Catholic
Currency	Euro (€1.17 approx to £1)

### Travel details

There are several themed short-break programmes for stays in Dunkirk and the French Flanders region through the Office de Tourisme Dunkerque Dunes de Flandre region.

Breaks include a Discovery Weekend from 69 euros to discover the maritime and wartime history of Dunkerque: includes a pass to its museums, a port tour, free public transport and shopping coupons. From 69 euros per person (two people sharing a double room); you can have one night B&B in a two-star hotel, dinner and a tourist pass. Other breaks include the Dunkirk Gourmet Weekend from 99 euros per person.

Discovering the fortifications of Gravelines and its history costs from 91 euros per person (based on two people sharing). One night at a bed-and-breakfast or hotel, gourmet dinner, museum entry, a canal tour and audioguide of the walled town.

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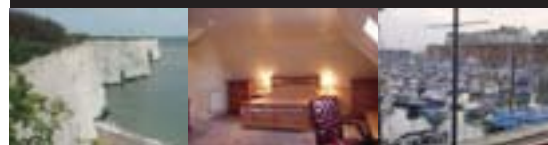
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### 'Tenants can look beyond social sector'

HOUSING minister Margaret Beckett has distanced herself from reports that the Government is considering scrapping lifetime social tenancies, but she has said she would like to see people try to move into the private sector.

Speaking at a seminar organised by The Smith Institute think tank, Mrs Beckett described the housing reform green paper on social housing as "very much a work in progress".

She said: "I've made no decision, and nor has any minister, on the content and timing of the green paper."

"We've made substantial improvements to the housing stock, [but] we've not been nearly so good in investing in people who are living in these homes."

And Mrs Beckett indicated that she wanted to encourage social tenants or would-be social tenants to look beyond social housing to the private sector.

"If people could find greater stability and security in the private rented sector, or could take advantage of low-cost home ownership, then maybe fewer would think social housing was their only option," she said.

### Charity alarmed by economic distress

EIGHTY per cent of those who took part in a recent survey want the Government to be more active in helping homeowners at risk of having their homes repossessed to combat the risk of people being forced on to the streets this winter.

The poll, for homeless charity St Mungo's, also found 52 per cent of Britons are concerned about their financial situation and more are now cutting down their spending on gas, electricity, heating and food.

"We are witnessing a downturn in the economy that is being felt at all levels of society," said St Mungo's chief executive Charles Fraser.

"The Government needs to act quickly if we are to avoid a sharp increase of rough sleepers on the streets."



**AT RISK:** Winter on the streets



**WHAT AM I BID?:** Even auctions – normally a guaranteed way of shifting houses – have been unable to break the credit crunch's stranglehold on the property market, forcing agents and sellers to become more creative and proactive

## A real hammering

■ BY NICK AMES

THE economic situation could mean a new approach for professionals selling homes, according to experts.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says the business of typical 'old-style' estate agents has hit a 30-year low, selling an average of just one home a week.

Property auctions have usually been regarded as a surefire way of getting rid of homes that are difficult to shift, but one last month involved 74 lots of homes and land – and received just three bids and no sales.

While some vendors are now adopting unusual tactics, from staging raffles to throwing in free cars or holidays with their homes, a few pioneering estate agents are considering revolutionising the way they sell properties.

Lauristons estate agent is now charging a £999 flat fee for selling a home instead of the

two per cent to three per cent charged by most of its high street rivals, saving prospective sellers of average priced properties as much as £8,000.

"The market's changing and the current economic climate means it probably won't be the same in the future," warned the firm's sales and marketing director, Steve Truman.

Thornley Groves, a traditional estate agency chain, has bought 25 per cent of Brightsale, a pioneering online estate agency.

Brightsale has no physical 'branch'. Its trained negotiators instead advise sellers on how to handle buyers, and will arrange floor plans, photographs and brochures. The fee, if a home sells, is 0.5 per cent, or only a sixth of the levy by many conventional agents.

"We'd been searching for a way to bring

estate agencies into the 21st century. Clients love what we do but in the internet era they expect more," said Thornley Groves managing director Michael Groves.

"Estate agencies have a long way to go to harness the power of the internet for the benefit of their customers."

Two other estate agents are trying a different idea – swapping houses. Lynn Thompson and Chris Tinsley run separate agencies but have joined forces to try to 'match' sellers, who are encouraged to swap properties of equal value, or trade up or down and pay the difference.

While some of these pioneering efforts may fall by the wayside when the housing market picks up – business consultancies and agents themselves suggest 2010 as the earliest date that will happen – at least a few of these schemes may last long enough to become mainstream as house selling changes.

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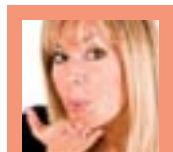


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## WOMEN seeking men

**LOVELY SUSIE**  
Sensitive, shy and caring lady, 20, loves life and sunsets, beaches, country walks, romantic meals, cinema, WLM handsome gent to find love with. Box 446323

**SINGLE DAD WANTED**  
Single mum, 23, nice and curvy, 5ft6, blonde, likes shopping, cinema and animals, WLM an honest and trustworthy male, 28-38. Box 446099

**I LOVE FOOTBALL**  
Fun to be with blonde female, 25, 5ft2, loves football(!), going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man to be my soulmate. Box 446494

**MAYBE MORE**  
Seeking fun, friendship, maybe more. WLM fun man 25-30. I'm female, 26, brown hair/blue eyes and of average build. Box 446522

**HORSES FOR COURSES...**  
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**CANTERBURY TALE**  
Single mum of 2, 32, WLM someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 408670

**FUN-LOVING FEMALE**  
Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a loving relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308724

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**MEND A BROKEN HEART**  
Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

**ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE**  
37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, for a loving relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 446543

**LOVE TO LOVE YOU**  
Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 348102

**THE HOME LIFE**  
Happy, caring female, homely, tactile and honest, I'm black African, 41, 5ft2, medium build, would like LTR with the right person. Box 446024

**BORN TO MAKE YOU HAPPY**  
Caring lovely lady, 42, genuine, short brown hair, lacks confidence! seeking loyal, genuine person, someone special to put the spark back into my life. Box 885761

**FAIRY TALE ENDING**  
Good-looking slim blonde, 42, tired of kissing frogs, seeking an intelligent, solvent professional male to be my prince. Box 446521

**YOU NEVER KNOW**  
Kind, loving, caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? Box 446457

**HERE WE ARE**  
Easygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, shopping, sofa, cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 446472

**IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!**  
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 346810

**SPONTANEOUS**  
Karen, 46, 5ft3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a bottle of wine. WLM light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445745

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Beautiful black female, 46, WLM a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-50, 5ft10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 445407

**WE'LL SEE**  
Blonde hair/blue eyes, 5ft5, slim, looking for friendship, maybe more. I'm a nice woman, 47, seeking good male, for friendship, possibly more. Box 445932

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Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love/LTR. Box 444366

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Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLM similar guy. Box 895019

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Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833

**CARING & PROFESSIONAL**  
Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, beach, travel, seeks friendly chap, 46-55. Box 471100

**JUST IMAGINE**  
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLM genuine male to see where life takes us! Box 893562

**GIG DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walking, gardening, nights in, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441

**NOTHING VENTURED...**  
New to this, I'm a 53yr old woman, seeking loving, tactile man. I enjoy walks, countryside, having fun, nights in and out. Box 445982

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Attractive female, 53, intelligent, kind, funny, non-smoking, WLM nice, kind, normal male, 50-60, for theatre, laughs and more. Box 446383

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**YOUNG-AT-HEART**  
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy figure, physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

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Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275

**INTERESTED? GIVE ME A CALL**  
Homely traditional lady, 44, 5ft8, slim-medium build, non smoker, love life, animals, my dog!, walks along the harbour, country pubs, WLM similar gent for romance... Box 446277

**DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)**  
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

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Hi, I'm Teresa, 33yr young, like animals, gardening and ordinary things! WLM a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707

**COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE**  
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLM similar loving male. Box 443642

**SOPHISTICATED SUE**  
Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming. WLM a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309

**FANCY A RIDE?**  
Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 886880

**MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS**  
Hi there, kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady, non-smoker, recently separated, seeking kind, honest gent for friendship first and to make me laugh. Box 440637

**HAND IN HAND, HEART TO HEART**  
Open-minded lady, 58, seeking male 56-63, 1 eye working, eating out, gardening, foreign holidays and more. Box 446468

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**HELP!**  
Positive, vivacious female, 59, 5ft4, enjoys art, seaside walks, music, seeks tallish, kind, caring male to grow old with...disgraceful! Box 449493

**IS THERE SOMEONE OUT THERE?**  
Lonely lady, 62, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walks, animal, seeks caring, considerate, outgoing male for friendship leading to LTR. Box 446382

**THE GOLDEN YEARS**  
Blonde female 62yr old, divorced, slim, enjoys walks and trips to the seaside, WLM a male, 59-64, for a loving companionship. Kent area only please. Box 442443

**A GENUINE GENTLEMAN SOUGHT**  
Fun-loving active widow, 69, 5ft2, medium build, likes walking, gardening, music, animals, cosy nights in, the odd dance seeking genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Rochester. Box 884953

**Women seeking women**  
**FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE**  
Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142

**ATTRACTIVE, BUBBLY LADY**  
52yrs, 5ft6, blonde, size 12 enjoys good food/wine, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship Box 411413

**LOVELY JO**  
Young-looking attractive female, 54, N/S, friendly and sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparkly, WLM a genuine female for a close female friendship. Box 445146

**MEN seeking women**  
**HE'S LOVE LEE!**  
Lee, 25, 5'11", green eyes/brown hair, looking for someone good-natured. Personality more important than looks. Box 813752

**HOW CAN YOU RESIST?**  
Down-to-earth lovely guy, 30, 5ft8, stocky, blonde hair/blue eyes, likes the finer things in life, going out, eating in, pubs. WLM genuine girl for LTR. Box 441945

**CRAZY FOR YOU**  
Sexy, athletic, red haired man, 32, 5ft10, green eyes, looking for a serious relationship with a bubbly female who loves fun and knows how to party. Box 884973

**DREAMS COME TRUE**  
33yr old fun-loving lad, WLM someone beautiful and intelligent to sweep me in her feel and live with. Box 444369

**TAKING IT EASY**  
Outgoing, confident guy, 39, 6ft, tanned, athletic build, brown eyes, shaved head, loves going out/staying in and music, laid-back attitude seeking like-minded lady. Box 151143

**DESTINED TO MEET U**  
Down-to-earth, caring, loving male, 31, 6'4", dark hair/eyes, likes sports, cinema, meals out, looking for fun, easygoing female, 20-45, for lasting love. Box 370046

**WORKING OVERTIME**  
Self-employed male, 37, 6ft1, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, enjoy the gym, pubs, clubs, restaurants, WLM female for long term relationship. Box 443065

**NON-SMOKING**  
Separated female, 36, 6ft, good looks and S.P.H. kind, caring and sensual, into films and fitness. Seeking a cute to share life and love with. Box 445729

**EVERYTHING I DO**  
Les, driver, 39yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading. WLM a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

**SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS**  
Young-looking male, 38, 5ft9, dark hair, blue eyes, good-looking, no ties, a carpenter, likes the outdoors, seeks lady to sail off and find love with. Box 444937

**R U A ME?**  
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

**ME AND YOU**  
Hi I'm Shawn, 39, likes most things in life, looking for a woman to settle down with. Box 446085

**LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR**  
Outgoing young-minded male, 47, a smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, P.O.I, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

**PUT THAT SPARK BACK IN MY LIFE**  
Virgo male, 40, 5ft7, stocky, kind, loving, likes cinema, meals out, walks on beach, WLM like-minded person to be my girl. Box 446211

**ACCOMPANY ME**  
Torbidey guy, 42, 5ft6, brown hair/green eyes, I'm honest and loyal and I'm looking for the same in a woman. Box 445200

**MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS!**  
Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid-back, I'm 41, 5ft8, medium/stouty, brown hair, own business/home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 430286

**ASHFORD MAN**  
Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5ft8, medium/stouty, brown hair, own business and home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants and cinema. Box 437225

**SILVER SERVICE!**  
Caring, understanding, not bad-looking, romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box 157789

**FUN AND CUDDLY**  
42yr old male, 5ft7, blue eyes, enjoys cinema, walking, swimming and cosy nights in, seeking a dameel to rescue and be happy with. East Sussex Box 443534

**LOVE ME DO**  
Caring and loving male, 43, average looks, self-employed, enjoys wild life, sci-fi and gardening. WLM a petite female, 30-50, for a LTR. Box 444063

**DON'T FORGET THIS ONE!**  
Hi, I'm Steve, 40's, 6ft2, muscular build, likes pubs/clubs and sport, WLM a female, 40-46, for an everlasting relationship. Box 445541

**SOULMATE SOUGHT**  
Devoted dad, 43, blonde hair, blue eyes, 6ft1, likes travelling, spiritualism, means living, seeking female with GSOH for fun times and hopefully something else. Box 446477

**DAD'S THE WORD**  
Lonely single male, 44, 6ft2, fair hair, great SOH, quite happy but looking for a lady 30-50 to have fun with and hopefully something else. Box 446452

**A NICE GUY**  
Hello, I'm Jim, 6ft, 54, interests include listening out, cinema and swimming, WLM a lady with similar interests and GSOH. Box 445650

**DOWN TO MARGARET!**  
Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLM a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441706

**BEEN HURT IN THE PAST**  
Single, 55, tall and slim, like the outdoors, eating out, talking and listening, seeking a like-minded woman to spend some time with. Box 446539

**ME & YOU**  
Young 56yr old, looking for female to share dinner, quiet evenings and more with, perhaps something special in time. Box 446536

**I'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH**  
Slim male, 44, blue eyes, fair hair, GSOH, very romantic, caring and loyal, WLM a female with similar interests for a LTR. Hastings area. Box 446120

**THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE**  
Genuine honest guy, 45, looking for a lady who likes to have fun, eating out, travel and is looking for a soulmate. Box 446453

**WHY WAIT?**  
Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single dad, likes dogs, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782

**ROMANCE, PASSION, LAUGHTER**  
Slim build male, 48, 6ft, dark brown hair, eyes, attractive, animated, confident, eclectic, seeking soulmate 43-53 forever. Box 446553

**LOTS OF SMILES**  
Warm, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating male, 48, well-groomed, OHAC 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 824095

**IN YOUR EYES**  
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship, more. Box 421664

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
Attractive, healthy, honest, adventurous male, 48, tall, black, 6ft, caring, supportive, love eating out, drink socially, seeking caring, fun-loving lady to wine/dine. Box 446411

**COMPLETE ME**  
Outgoing male, 48, 5ft7, slim, WLM a fun female, without hang ups or complications, to make life complete and settle down with. Box 445582

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**THE REAL THING**  
Down-to-earth genuine person, 50, 5ft10, of not bad looks, caring, honest and lots of love to give, seeking fun girl to be with. Brighton. Box 884544

**ALL ROMANCE**  
Romantic, strong male, 50, non-smoking, I love travel, the coast cinema/theatre, restaurant. Looking for love and laughter with lovely lady. Box 445534

**WHO KNOWS?**  
Loyal 51yr old guy, blue eyes, 6ft3, like cinema and nights out, seeks a similar female to spend time with and see what happens. Box 446516



## MOTORS NEWS



## Hyundai and Kia soar to join top five carmakers

AUTOCAR magazine has named Hyundai-Kia as its Automotive Manufacturer of the Year at its annual award ceremony in London.

Citing the Korean giant's "mind-blowing" ambition, editor Chas Hallett presented the title to Mr Nam-Yong Kim, president of Hyundai-Kia's European research and development centre in Germany.

Hallett said: "When the irrepressible Hyundai-Kia group started talking, just a few years ago, about wanting to become the world's fifth largest car company behind Toyota, GM, Ford and Audi-VW, many of us were sceptical.

"Then the Korean group got serious. They hatched a plan to assemble a European design and engineering team to conceive a range of models for Europe."

The product of a merger in 1998, Hyundai-Kia currently dominate the Korean domestic car market with an 80 per cent share and this year became the world's fifth largest car-maker according to Automotive News in the US.



## Asda sparks price war by cutting petrol costs

SUPERMARKET giant Asda has reignited the fuel price war by lowering its petrol prices to 90.9p per litre.

It is Asda's tenth consecutive cut since July and brings prices to their lowest level since April 2007. The price of diesel has been reduced to 105.9p per litre.

With the price of crude oil continuing to fall, other retailers will be under pressure to follow Asda's lead.

The price of a barrel has dropped to barely 50 US dollars (£33), from almost \$150 (£100) in early July.

## Car giants beg for cash

THE three biggest US carmakers have pleaded with Congress for a \$25 billion lifeline to save their once-proud companies from collapse.

"Our industry... a bridge to span the financial chasm that has opened up before us," said General Motors' chief Rick Wagoner.

Chrysler chief Robert Nardelli, added that a bailout would be "the least costly alternative" when compared with damage from bankruptcy.

But Republican Senators argues that "inefficient production" and "costly labour agreements" have put the US carmakers at a disadvantage against foreign rivals.



**A BRIGHT FUTURE:** Instead of dithering with a facelift of the 2002 Fiesta, Ford has completely restyled its latest creation with a coupé roofline and excellent handling

# Ford changes into top gear with new Fiesta

HAVING done more than anyone to make the supermini popular in the UK after launching the original Fiesta in 1976, Ford then rested on its laurels.

The company will say the newly-launched replacement is the 'Mark VII', but it is really only the fourth generation.

Ford has turned Fiesta facelifts into an art form and even managed to spin-off the guts of one version to create the underpinnings of the original Ka. You just have to admire such salesmanship and nerve, though it helps when you are market leader and have a vice-like grip on the fleet sector.

But times are changing: the nation wants to downsize and cut costs and emissions while Ford would like to ease out of the cut-throat business sector, move upmarket and woo private buyers.

The US car giant is also looking outside the Fiesta's traditional UK and Europe stronghold, to create a global supermini with all the consequent economies of scale.

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## ROAD TEST FORD FIESTA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

then all-new – but not especially loved – 2002 Fiesta, Ford has gone for another fresh start.

And it's an impressive one.

Physically, the car is the same scale as before, rather than a 'super-supermini' like the Peugeot 207 and Renault Clio, perhaps to protect sales of the bigger Focus.

Nevertheless, I thought the knee room good, though lofty passengers will just have to lump it, for the terrific coupé roofline common to both body styles.

Styling inside is typically well-arranged and quality and durability is top-notch, but the drive clinches the deal for me; a well-judged balance between typically sharp handling and ride, light yet responsive steering and a terrific gearshift.

It is a tough call deciding the engine though. I like the all-round competence of the 1.4 TDCi diesel, but the frugal road tax-exempt/low emission 1.6TDCi diesel ECONetic is due in January.

Then again, do not ignore the petrol models; they are so quiet and frugal that they could be your best buy if petrol versus diesel pump prices still diverge and your mileages are only average.

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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### BABY HOT HATCHES

IT'S not just owners of family cars who are having to downsize their ambitions under pressure from rising fuel costs and road tax – performance car owners are also having to get real. Their answer can be found in the buoyant secondhand market for supermini hot hatchbacks like the three little scorchers featured here. No, your insurance premiums won't be a lot better, but you will save on fuel and tax and driving enjoyment could be even higher than before, even if some creature and ride comfort is sacrificed.

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#### FORD FIESTA ST



FORD has been one of the champions of hot hatches over the years with its XR and recent ST versions of standard models. The Fiesta ST upholds the tradition in terms of pace and handling even if it can be noisy and ride comfort is primitive. Power comes from a feisty 148bhp 2.0-litre engine so the lowered stance and styling add-ons do not flatter to deceive but, as when new, the Fiesta is not the cheapest contender on the market.

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**ALFA ROMEO**

**146 TI**, 5 door, p 1996, a car that will one day become a collectors item, 2 owners from new, red, 94000 miles, £1495, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

**AUDI**

**A4**, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**BENTLEY**

**ARNAGE**, red label auto, 2001, bienheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**BMW**

**3 SERIES**, 1.6i Saloon 4d 1596cc, 1316hmm, good runner, green, miles, £5950, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

**7 SERIES**, 745i auto, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CADILLAC**

**CTS**, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22378 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CHEVROLET**

**CAPTIVA**, LTZ 2.0, gk08orw, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**CHRYSLER**

**300C**, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CITROEN**

**C3**, 1.4i 16V Cachet 5dr, 2008, 1.4i 16v cachet 5dr hatch special edition, arctic steel, 1000 miles, £3995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**C3**, 1.4i 16V Cachet 5dr, 2008, 1.4i 16v cachet 5dr hatch special edition, blue, 6000 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C3**, 1.4i Rhythm 5dr, 2008, silver, 6000 miles, £8995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C3**, 1.4i Rhythm 5dr, 2008, silver, 6000 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**FIAT**

**MAREA**, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**FORD**

**FORD KA VAN**, 10 2003, 1.3 petrol ex bt 28,000 miles fsh white sold with rac warranty, £2350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Flame, 2005, moon dust silver, £3959, Masters Citroen, Kent, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, 1.6 Zetec 5dr, ak08rwp, air conditioning, alloy wheels, side airbags, radio/cd, insurance group 7, blue, 22 miles, £11990, SMC Ford Crayford, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 3dr (Climate), (12/09/2006, electric windows, silver, 22613 miles, £6500, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.6 Style 5dr Auto (2005 - ), 22/03/2006, cd player driver airbag power steering heated seats, silver, 13441 miles, £6000, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Ghia 3dr (2005 - ), 13/10/2005, cd player driver airbag power steering silver, 24883 miles, £6200, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**GALAXY**, Ghia (2007.75) 5-Dr MPV 2.0 TDCI 140PS (- ), 01/09/2007, grey, 16381 miles, £16995, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**HONDA**

**CIVIC**, tornado 1.4 i, 1998, turquoise, 107000 miles, £1695, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**HYUNDAI**

**GETZ**, CDX 5dr, cv08avc, blue, 3000 miles, £7995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**JAGUAR**

**XJ V8**, 4.0 soveriegn lwb, 2002, seatfoat blue met with catkin leather interior, 71000 miles, £19590, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**JEEP**

**GRAND CHEROKEE**, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**KIA**

**CARENS**, 2.0 CRDI GS 5dr, g07jwp, air-conditioning, abs + ebd, air, cd player, insurance group 10, red, 17900 miles, £3994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**PICANTO**, 1.1 Chili, 2008, metallic black, miles, £6995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

**SORENTO**, XS 2.5, g06vcx, finished in blue with interior, blue, 16000 miles, £3995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**LAND ROVER**

**DEFENDER**, 90 TDS County Station Wagon, y207gr, air conditioning, abs, traction control, remote alarm, power steering, rear wash/wipe, side steps, sunroof, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, high specification vehicle, metallic blue, £12495, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

**FREELANDER**, 1998, met green with beige, 91644 miles, £3250, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**LEXUS**

**IS 300**, 3.0 Saloon 4Dr 2997cc auto, 03/2003, climate control cruise control traction control & much much more!!!, blue metallic, 64, 000 miles, £9995, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**MAZDA**

**323**, GT 5dr, v674dnu, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £1999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**6S**, 2005, blue metallic, 19299 miles, £6495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

**NOTE**, Acenta, aj57xre, alloy wheels, blue, 12000 miles, £8995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**A-CLASS**, 1.5 A150 Classic Hatchback 3d 1498cc, 57, climate, alarm & immobiliser, cd, 1 owner, atoll blue with black cloth, under 12, 500 miles, £10495, Vikings Canterbury, Canterbury, 01227 711112 (TRADE)

**C-CLASS**, C180k Avantgrade SE, 4763314, alloy wheels, cubanite silver, 14000 miles, £17995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**MG**

**MGF**, MG TF LE500 Special Edition 135, 58, petrol, orange, 10 miles, £16398, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**MINI**

**COOPER S**, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £3595, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**MITSUBISHI**

**COLT**, 1.5 Sport, 2004, black, miles, £6995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

**I-CAR**, 5dr Auto, 58, leather gearknob, air-conditioning, insurance group 4, silver, 20 miles, £3299, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**L200**, Walkinshaw, 08, liner, mats, rear parking, sports pedals, side bars, tow bar, this is our showroom vehicle ready to be driven away, black, 100 miles, £23894, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**OUTLANDER**, II 2.0 DI-DC Elegance 5dr, hv58bhl, 50 miles, £24999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**SHOGUN**, 3.5 gdi 5dr v6 auto, 2003, silver met with black leather, 37000 miles, £3995, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**NISSAN**

**MICRA**, 1.2 SE Automatic, 2004, techno grey, £22500 miles, £4995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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**PEUGEOT**

**PEUGEOT BOXER 350**, 06 2005, 2.8hdi sold with rac warranty 32 mpg ix lwb hi top fwd elec pack white 55,000 miles fsh, £5495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**PEUGEOT PARTNER 600L**, 09 2005, 1.9 diesel sold with rac warranty side door met silver ply lined 40,000 miles fsh, £3375, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**206**, 1.1 8v Fever Hatchback 3d 1124cc (2004), 33, silver, miles, £3299, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

**306**, 1.4 1998, met red, 85046 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PORSCHE**

**911 CARRERA** 4, 2002, meridian silver with blue leather, 46000 miles, £29950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**911 Turbo**, 3.6 manual, 2003, black metallic with black leather, 17800 miles, £49950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**PROTON**

**PERSONA**, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette, green, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**RENAULT**

**CLIO**, EXPRESSION 1.2 3DR, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, extreme blue, 25400 miles, £5295, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**CLIO**, EXPRESSION 1.4 5DR, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, tempest, 18000 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, OASIS 1.4, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, blue, 31000 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**MODUS**, DYNAMIQUE 1.6 AUTO, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 5, mercury, 2300 miles, £7495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**SCENIC**, ALIZE 1.6, 2000, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, mercury, 59000 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**TRAFIC**, L129 2.0 dCi 115 Lwb, 853182, air conditioning, remote central locking, immobiliser, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, dual passenger seat, bulkhead, ply-lined, side load door, white, 36000 miles, £7000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**ROVER**

**200**, 216 CABRIOLET, 1997, grey, 0 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**400**, 2.0 16v Si Hatchback 5d 1994cc, t 1999, electric windows, srs airbag, radio cassette, air conditioning, 5 speed gearbox, metallic red, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**SAAB**

**9-3**, Arc, 03, 03 plate top of the range silver with blue leather, 46000 miles, £29950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**SEAT**

**AROSA**, Sport 16v 3dr, gx51www, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, cd player, electric windows, 14" alloys, yellow, 50000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**SKODA**

**SKODA OCTAVIA ESTATE CAR**, 03 2000, 2.0 g/ air/con elec windows 80,000 miles blue fsh no vat, £1495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**CADDY**, v, very low mileage, white, 25, 000 miles, £1999, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

**FABIA**, 1.2 HTP 12v (64bhp) Classic Hatchback 5d 1198cc, 05/2005, a/con red, 43, 000 miles, £4995, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SMART**

**FORTWO COUPE**, 2005, pulse 2dr auto, silver, 11726 miles, £4995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**SUBARU**

**IMPREZA**, wrx turbo, 2004, red, 38000 miles, £10995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**SUZUKI**

**ALTO**, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 54/2005, pas central locking electric windows, bright red, 15, 000 miles, £3895, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**GRAND VITARA**, 2000, blue, 36000 miles, £2990, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**TOYOTA**

**AYGO**, 1.0 VVT-i + 3dr, 2006, 1.0 vvt-i + 3dr hatch, grey, 14726 miles, £5995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**VAUXHALL**

**AGILA**, DESIGN 1, g080mtz, finished in atlanta blue with black interior, blue, 12000 miles, £5495, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**ANTARA**, L 2.0 AJ, silver with black interior, silver, £16995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**ASTRA**, SKI 1598cc 5 door, 2008, cd player air conditioning black, 5400 miles, £6965, Pomphrey's of Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

**ZAFIRA**, 2008, panacotta, 12789 miles, £9495, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227561 (TRADE)

**ZAFIRA**, 2008, metro blue, 10697 miles, £9495, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227561 (TRADE)

**ZAFIRA**, 2008, star silver, 11498 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

**ZAFIRA**, 2008, panacotta, 12874 miles, £9495, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

**CORSA**, LIFE 1.0, g098gc, finished in flame red with black interior, red, 0 miles, £7489, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MERIVA**, DESIGN 1, g06gzw, finished in star silver with black interior, silver, 25000 miles, £6495, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**TIGRA**, 1.8 SPOR, hv05kwc, finished in blue with grey cloth interior, blue, 46000 miles, £5495, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**VECTRA**, 2008, flame red, 10 miles, £10495, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

**VOLKSWAGEN**

**GOLF**, 2.0 GTI 5dr, 11/01/2002, cd player abs driver airbag power steering green, 40312 miles, £5500, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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### The Royal School of Military Engineering Course Designer

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We provide the trades and technical training for over 8500 Royal Engineers each year and are recruiting a number of key posts to complement the teams already in place at the RSME.

If you are a Course Designer and would enjoy using your skills and experience to help develop the Military artisans of tomorrow, then this could be the ideal opportunity for you.

You will work within an established team, in a professional environment at a time when the RSME moves into an exciting phase of its development.

Whilst you will already have skills, qualifications and experience relevant for this post, you will be fully supported and encouraged to gain further appropriate qualifications and accreditation that will develop you as an individual and benefit the RSME.

**If this sounds like the right role for you – get in touch now**

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Email: [rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk)  
Telephone 01634 884555 (24 hr answer machine)

For an informal discussion on these positions, please call: Ken Pullan on 07725128661

**Closing Date 30th November 2008**

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## New start for 2009

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**Facilities Manager Circa £38,000** – to take full responsibility for the buildings & infrastructure (including workshops and classrooms) occupied by MKC Training Services on site at the RSME. Experience of the management of Electro/Mechanical services essential.

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Salary: £29,091 to £38,352 pa  
Band: 7  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Ashford  
Ref: 767-ECC614  
Closing date: 27/11/08

###### Job Title: Locality Commissioning Manager - Child Health

Salary: £37,106 to £44,527 pa  
Band: 8a  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: East Kent  
Ref: 767-ECC626  
Closing date: 28/11/08

###### Job Title: Speech & Language Therapy Secretary

Salary: £14,834 to £17,732 pa  
Band: 3  
Hours: 30  
Location: Herne Bay  
Ref: 767-ECC630  
Closing date: 28/11/08

##### NURSING AND MIDWIFERY REGISTERED

###### Job Title: Community Nurse X 2

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa  
Band: 5  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Birchington / Westgate  
Ref: 767-EIC628  
Closing date: 26/11/08

###### Job Title: Community Nurse

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa pr  
Band: 5  
Hours: 30  
Location: Cliftonville  
Ref: 767-EIC629  
Closing date: 26/11/08

###### Job Title: Community Nurse

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa pr  
Band: 5  
Hours: 25  
Location: Birchington  
Ref: 767-EIC627  
Closing date: 26/11/08

###### Job Title: Intermediate Care Support Nurse

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa  
Band: 5  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Dover / Deal  
Ref: 767-EIC605  
Closing date: 27/11/08

##### ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

###### Job Title: Occupational Therapist

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Ashford  
Ref: 767-EIC609  
Closing date: 27/11/08

###### Job Title: Occupational Therapist

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Folkestone  
Ref: 767-EIC612  
Closing date: 27/11/08

###### Job Title: Psycho-Social Occupational Therapist x2

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Folkestone  
Ref: 767-EIC559  
Closing date: 29/11/08

###### Job Title: Occupational Therapist (Learning Disabilities)

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**The Royal School of Military Engineering**  
**Engineering Opportunities: £35,000 - £40,000 (Snr Post c£45k)**

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We provide the trades and technical training for over 8500 Royal Engineers each year and are recruiting a number of key posts to strengthen the teams already in place at the RSME as the 30 year contract transitions to the Colleges management team.

We have opportunities for experienced engineers (ideally degree qualified) to move into lecturing roles. The Professional Engineering Wing (PEW) of the RSME develops military personnel into Clerk of Works to IEng, foundation degree and HND level.

**We have positions for:**  
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Email: [rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk)  
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**Lecturer - Bricklaying (variable hours) Ashford** Ref: T1368  
Main duties are to teach Bricklaying skills and knowledge to students aged 16+ from Entry Level to Level 3. You will prepare and deliver lectures, prepare and mark assessments and take a pro-active role in the co-ordination and development of the Bricklaying curriculum provision. A City & Guilds Advanced Craft or NVQ Level 3 in Bricklaying is essential.

**Lecturer - Hairdressing (variable hours) Folkestone** Ref: T1367  
Main responsibilities are to deliver City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+. You will deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon based teaching sessions and mark and prepare learners for assessments, projects, assignments, and written and oral tests. You will hold NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Hairdressing.

For further information or an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department on 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk)

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is Tuesday 2nd December 2008.

If you are interested in working as a Variable Lecturer in any of our curriculum areas please send in a CV and covering letter and we will contact you with any suitable vacancies.

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.

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37 hours per week, salary starting from £42,128 per annum

**Lecturer Early Years** Ref 08/40  
2 posts at 37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 - £26,363 per annum

**Temporary Lecturer Performing Arts and Contemporary Dance** Ref 08/152  
27.75 hours per week, salary range £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata per annum.  
Temporary post to cover maternity leave not to exceed one year

**Supply Lecturer HE Business Enterprise and General Management to teach on HNC/HD and BA programmes.** Ref S/HE/BE  
Various hours available, salary range £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata per annum.  
Applicants must hold a first degree in any discipline

**Supply Lecturers**  
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**Information, Advice and Guidance** Ref S/IAG  
**Mental Health** Ref S/MH  
**Midwifery** Ref S/MID  
**Catering and Hospitality** Ref S/C&H  
**Key Skills Application of Number within Animal Care** Ref S/KSAC  
**Early Years to teach BTEC First Diploma in Child Care, Learning and Development** Ref S/EY

**Supply Trainer Demonstrators** Ref S/TD/ME  
Various hours available, salary starting from £18,963 pro rata per annum

**Mechanical Engineering**  
**Machining (turning and milling)**  
**Fabrication and Welding**

**Network Applications Technician (Advanced)** Ref ATA  
37 hours per week, salary starting from £21,440 per annum

**Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality & Catering** Ref TD8  
2 posts at 18.5 hours per week, salary starting from £18,963 pro rata per annum

**Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality & Catering** Ref 08/153  
9.25 hours per week, salary starting from 18,963 pro rata per annum

**Skills for Life Initial Assessor** Ref 08/154  
18.5 hours per week, salary starting from £15,085 pro rata per annum

**Cleaning Coordinator** Ref CLC1  
37 hours per week, salary starting from £16,914 per annum.  
4 week shift pattern - 3 weeks nights and 1 week of days

**Assistant Cleaning Coordinator** Ref ACC1  
37 hours per week, salary starting from £15,085 pro rata per annum (nights)

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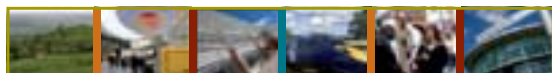
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For an informal discussion please contact Judith Armit on 01233 330811.

Alternatively for an application form and further details, please send an A4 stamped addressed envelope to:

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Closing Date for applications: Friday 12th December 2008  
Interview Date: Friday 9th January 2009

If you are up for the challenge, then contact the Personnel Office; Thanet College, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 1PN, Telephone (01843) 605052, or visit the Thanet College website (under Staff Vacancies) on [www.thanet.ac.uk](http://www.thanet.ac.uk)

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Send full CV to the Academic Principal, Churchill House, Spencer Square, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9EQ or email [john@churchillhouse.co.uk](mailto:john@churchillhouse.co.uk)



## MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

### Financial Accountant

Ref: P0495

Salary: Circa £28,000  
(dependant upon qualifications & experience)

In order to strengthen our central Finance team and support at the College as it progresses through a period of radical change, we are seeking to appoint a Financial Accountant. The successful candidate will be recently qualified or be at the finalist stage of their qualification.

### Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0660

Salary: £25,092 - £32,898  
(Starting salary and grade dependant upon qualifications & experience)

Due to expansion of our highly successful Automotive provision we are looking to recruit an experienced and highly motivated Lecturer to teach at all levels on a range of Mechanical qualifications within our Motor Vehicle department. Ideally, applicants will have some Heavy Vehicle and/or Motorsport experience and be able to deliver engaging lessons to the highest standard.

A Degree, HNC or HND in an Automotive discipline is essential, as the successful applicant will be required to contribute to the development of higher-level qualifications within the department (e.g. HNC/Foundation Degree).

The department benefits from strong links with Buckmore Park karting circuit (where we run a National Diploma in Motorsport) and has a history of high Success rates across its full-time, part-time and work-based-learning provision.

### Lecturer in Skills for Life

Ref: P0468

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

A full time position has arisen within our Skills for Life team to deliver key skills to a variety of vocational areas. In addition some one-to-one support will be required and prior experience in embedding key skills and skills for life in a vocational and/or academic course would be advantageous.

### Departmental Secretary/ Administrator

Ref: P0432

Salary: £11,599 - £17,200

The candidate will be based at our Maidstone site and will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently.

### Technician in Beauty

Ref: P0133

Salary: £11,599 - £17,200

We are looking to appoint a highly motivated individual to provide support to learners and assist the Lecturers in running the various Clinics. You will be able to demonstrate good organisational and communication skills and relevant experience within the beauty industry would be advantageous.

Closing date: Friday, 5 December 2008

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website [www.rbl.co.uk](http://www.rbl.co.uk) for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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### KCC payments under scrutiny on website

BUSINESSES waiting for their money from Kent County Council can now sound off on a website.

Kent Labour has launched Kent Business Watch at [www.kentlabour.org.uk](http://www.kentlabour.org.uk) where local businesses can report instances of late payments by KCC.

Cllr Roger Truelove, KCC shadow cabinet member for regeneration, said Prime Minister Gordon Brown had called on councils to pay bills to small businesses within ten days to help with essential cash flow.

"KCC's record isn't as good as it could be on paying invoices within 30 days, let alone ten," said Cllr Truelove.

### RBS expands Thames Gateway presence

A BANKING team in Kent has just got bigger.

The Royal Bank of Scotland's commercial banking team in the Thames Gateway has expanded to 30 people as it continues to service one of the South East's designated growth areas.

Robert Clare, who has been with the bank for 28 years, has taken up the team's director role after working in commercial banking in Sussex for the last five years.

His team comprises three sub-teams: business development, trading and property.

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# Innovative changes to support network

■ BY TONY PATEY

A HUGE shake-up of the publicly-funded business support structure across the South East is to take place over the next two years.

A new network of eight so-called 'innovation and growth teams' is being set up across the region. One will be in Kent, but the exact location has yet to be decided.

Teams – being generated by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) – will focus on regional growth areas and will merge, under one umbrella, a range of business support activities.

It's all part of the Government's wide-ranging agenda to reduce the number of publicly-funded business support schemes and simplify the system by 2010.

Each of the nation's regional development agencies is working out its own programme and the team idea is Seeda's own approach.

In the South East, there will be a greater emphasis on the role of Business Link, and Seeda is inviting applications from sub-regional partnerships to form teams.

Seeda says the initiative will give a broader approach to promoting innovation and growth.

Teams will target support on potentially high-growth businesses, in comparison with the county's enterprise hub network, which focuses on early-stage entrepreneurial individuals and companies to help bring ideas to market quickly and profitably.

Kent's hubs are based in Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Medway, but the idea is that the new teams will have more resources at their disposal.

A Seeda statement said: "Teams will be working with ambitious companies that are further along the development path and are aiming to make step changes in terms of their growth."

Marilyn Huckerby, head of Seeda's business innovation and growth, said: "It will represent better use of expertise, knowledge and best practice, and accelerate business through the



**NEW NETWORK:** Medway is already one of Kent's enterprise hubs – others are Sittingbourne and Canterbury

growth stages from start-up to corporate."

She said the teams would "focus intensive support on a relatively small number of businesses". Each team will work with 250 companies at any one time.

Firms with growth potential will be picked where there is some perceived barrier or challenge holding them back and referrals would take place via Business Link through a range of initial avenues.

She added: "The new definition of innovation is broader in order to better target high growth potential. It doesn't just cover high-technology products, but also new ways of doing things."

"The end-game is to generate more revenue from new or significantly improved products and services."

Will the idea save any money? Seeda said: "The development of the teams is not about saving money. It is about bringing together the

funding that was going into a number of different high-growth business support activities so it can be targeted more effectively and can be used to catalyse additional services and support from local partners and stakeholders."

"The economies of scale that this generates mean that more money can be diverted to those companies with significant potential."

Sub-regional partnerships will be private and public local organisations, Seeda says each will be led by a so-called business champion and will involve universities, research centres, Business Link, local authorities and, where appropriate, business associations such as the Institute of Directors and chambers of commerce.

Interestingly, they can also be concerned with "developing innovative solutions to local economic issues, for example transport, ageing population and where businesses and public sector could work together".

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Portsmouth put their first points

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Portsmouth 39

Thanet Wanderers 18

on the board a minute later with a penalty, but it took until the half-hour before they succeeded in crossing Thanet's line to bring them within two points of the visitors after a missed conversion.

The away side responded from the kick-off with Andrew Letts bursting through from the 22 to score a try close to the touchline.

Portsmouth eventually took the lead two minutes into extra-time

after kicking a penalty and converting a well-created try.

Turning round at 15-18 down, again Eldridge brought Thanet level with a penalty on the hour.

Portsmouth applied the pressure and the experience paid off with three tries in the last 15 minutes of the game to secure victory.

Despite this loss, Thanet coach Daryll Vas was pleased with the overall performance as the new breed of players is making its way through the ranks to compete for a first-team place.

Thanet will hope to retain this momentum as they return to league action on Saturday with a home fixture against Basingstoke.

## Isle man is picked for World deaf XV

A KENT rugby player was selected to play for a Rest of the World deaf XV against a Wales deaf XV at Pontypridd on Sunday.

Thanet Wanderers centre Rhys Stickings was picked to play inside centre for the game, which celebrated the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the Wales Deaf Rugby Union.

Stickings has also appeared in two matches for the England deaf XV this year. Players are eligible for the XV if they have a combined average hearing loss of 25 decibels.

Stickings is also seeking a sponsor, anyone interested can contact him via Kevin Stickings on 01689 885776.

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Watch Kent's Joe Denly and Rob Key in the nets ahead of their trip to India

## Mixed results for the reserve teams

MARGATE reserves moved up to fifth in Kent League Division One after an entertaining win against struggling Sevenoaks Town.

The Blues wrapped up a 3-2 win but they still remain eight points off league leaders Ashford Town.

Ramsgate's reserves suffered a disappointing 3-1 defeat away to Tunbridge Wells at the weekend as they dropped off the pace at the top of Kent League Division Two.

The Rams drop to fourth in the division and will be looking to get back to winning ways this weekend when they take on Hythe Town at the Southwood Stadium. Kick-off is at 3pm.

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WASTED CHANCES: Ramsgate had chances to put their name in the hat for the next round of the FA Trophy, but Jay May (left) and Steffan Ball (right) couldn't find a way through

# Missed opportunities cost Rams place in Trophy hat

## FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Ramsgate 0

Bognor Regis Town 2

McEvery 35, Jupp 84



Ramsgate starting XI



Subs used: Minshall (Eastwood, 58), Walker (Lissett, 59), Brown (Royston, 59)

RAMSGATE'S search for a home win continues as they were knocked out of the FA Trophy by Bognor Regis Town.

A goal in each half won it for the Blue Square South side, but the Rams had enough chances to have earned a replay at the very least as they enjoyed the majority of possession in the first half.

Boss Jim Ward will point to chances wasted in the first half by Andy Hadden and a glaring miss in the second period from leading scorer Steffan Ball.

The Rams had the first effort of the afternoon as Tom Wynter's left-footed free-kick curled just over the Bognor Regis upright on four minutes.

With the visitors adopting a lone man up front, Ward made the decision early on to push defender Ryan Royston up front and the former Cray man almost made an instant impact.

In the 16th minute he dispossessed a Bognor defender and played in Hadden, who took it round the goalkeeper, but the midfielder took too much time and allowed goalkeeper Chris Tardiff to get back and stop his effort.

The home side had another chance on 25 minutes when a cross on the left from Nick

Davis dropped to Royston, but the defender could only head weakly straight at Tardiff.

The Blue Square South outfit had their first effort of the half when Tom Clarke's effort was easily saved by Jack Delo.

Despite the Rams having the lion's share of possession, it was the visitors who opened the scoring very much against the run of play. Mike McEvery's left-footed shot from the edge of the area must have taken a deflection as it wrong-footed Delo and gave Bognor a 35th-minute lead.

The away side had a great chance to extend their lead just three minutes after the break when a cross from the right wing found goalscorer McEvery in space, but his turn and volley was straight at Delo.

Royston went close with an ambitious volley

from 25 yards that dipped just over the bar a minute later.

The Rams had a good shout for a penalty in the 75th minute when substitute Byron Walker was felled in the area by Tardiff, but the referee chose to show Walker a yellow card for diving rather than give a spot-kick.

The home side should have been back on level terms with ten minutes to play when a deep cross was headed back across goal by May into the path of Ball. However, the striker somehow managed to head the ball wide from five yards out.

The visitors wrapped up the win with six minutes remaining when former Gillingham defender Duncan Jupp hit a free-kick from 20 yards into the bottom corner that Delo failed to keep out.



# Blues battle back to kick off Yorath reign

## FOOTBALL

BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

### Hendon 1

Hunt 25

### Margate 2

Wilson 73, Takaloo 76

#### Margate starting XI



Subs: Morris (Corbishley, 13), Gregory (Stubbs, 62), Pratt (Wheatley, 45)



Picture: KOS/KOPO

**WINNER:** Wayne Wilson was on target for Margate

minutes but his goal, together with Wilson's and another super save from Mullin, ensured Margate enjoyed a vital victory over one of their main rivals at the wrong end of the table. • Visit [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk) for the latest on Margate's financial difficulties.

IT'S D-Day for Margate, who will today learn their fate as they head for administration and a ten-point deduction.

Margate are believed to have a debt of about £110,000 and are applying for a Company Voluntary Arrangement in a bid to pay off the debt to HM Revenue & Customs.

The club's directors have now installed former Wales manager Terry Yorath as the Blues' full-time boss and he had instant success at the weekend as Margate earned three points with two late goals against Hendon.

Ryan Peters failed a late fitness test which meant new signing Jackson Ohakam was drafted in, as was youngster Ebenezer Masade. Gate's defensive plans took a knock when Roberto Corbishley was forced out of the game with a recurrence of his ankle injury after just 13 minutes.

Despite both sides creating relatively few chances, Margate's overall performance made them worthy of their fifth win of the campaign.

However, the Blues went behind albeit against the run of play. On 25 minutes a long

ball forward dropped the wrong side of a defender, allowing Harry Hunt to steal in and beat goalkeeper Pat Mullin to put the home side ahead.

There was a further scare for the Blues shortly after as Brian Haule hit the post.

In the second half, Dan Young headed against the post from a Wayne Wilson free-kick, and as the ball came back it looked as if Mo Takaloo would simply knock the rebound into the net for the equaliser, but he somehow scooped his shot over the bar from close range.

Margate had Mullin to thank for keeping them in the game as he pulled off a brilliant save. From the subsequent clearance, Wilson picked up the ball in a deep position and started a move involving Masade and Kenny Pratt that Wilson himself finished off to bring the Blues level.

That was on 73 minutes but just three minutes later, it got even better for Gate.

Wilson hit a low shot from 35 yards that the keeper could only parry into the path of Takaloo, who this time found the target to give Margate a lead they never relinquished.

Takaloo blotted his copy book by picking up a second yellow card towards the end of the 90

## CRICKET



CUT ABOVE: Joe Denly has England one-day hopes

## Denly looks to profit from his passage to India

FOUR Kent players jetted off to India on Friday, looking to boost their claims for a place in Kevin Pietersen's England side.

Rob Key, Joe Denly, Robbie Joseph and Amjad Khan are part of the England Performance Programme squad which left for Bangalore, at the start of a month-long tour of India and a chance to train with the England Test squad.

Key will captain the England side in the two games scheduled for Bangalore and Mumbai. For Denly, it will be the second time in the last two years that the 22-year-old has toured India as part of the programme.

The Whitstable-born batsman enjoyed another successful season opening the innings for Kent and hopes to profit from the experience in India, where he will also get the opportunity to play with former England captain Michael Vaughan.

He said: "Last year I didn't have a great time of it. I didn't enjoy it if I'm totally honest because I got ill four times, but it's a great opportunity to go out there and progress my game.

"There is an unlimited time to bat, you can bat all day as there is an endless number of net bowlers. Last year I went to work on spin to give myself more scoring options and I think that worked out well.

"I will be looking to do the same and tightening up in defence against the new ball. I hope to come back fitter, stronger and a better player for Kent."

Rumours have been circulating that other counties were interested in signing the Kent youngster, something Denly firmly denies.

He said: "I haven't heard anything. I am tied in with Kent for the next two years. It's where I want to be, I love playing at Kent. I signed an extension to my contract until 2011 and hopefully in that time there will be a point to extend it even more."

## LEAGUE TABLES

### RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	16	14	0	2	+21	42
2 Carshalton Athletic	18	10	4	4	+6	34
3 Staines Town	16	10	3	3	+13	33
4 Tonbridge Angels	18	9	5	4	+14	32
5 Canvey Island	19	9	5	5	+12	32
6 Maidstone United	17	9	2	6	+7	29
7 Ashford Town (Middx)	16	9	0	7	+7	27
8 Tooting & M'cham U	18	8	2	8	+0	26
9 Wealdstone	19	7	4	8	+2	25
10 Horsham	16	7	2	7	-2	23
11 Sutton United	15	6	5	4	-2	23
12 AFC Hornchurch	16	6	4	6	+0	22
13 Boreham Wood	17	6	4	7	-4	22
14 Billerica Town	16	6	4	6	-7	22
15 Harlow Town	14	6	3	5	+7	21
16 Hastings United	18	7	0	11	-9	21
17 Dartford	17	5	3	9	-6	18
18 Margate	19	5	3	11	-12	18
19 Harrow Borough	17	3	6	8	-19	15
20 Hendon	16	4	2	10	-2	14
21 Ramsgate	18	2	7	9	-16	13
22 Heybridge Swifts	16	1	6	9	-10	9

### FIXTURES

Saturday, November 15

Ryman Premier Division

Ashford Town (Middlesex) v Ramsgate

Margate v Staines Town



**WINNER:** Ville's defence lines up to defend a short corner and left it late to beat off Gore Court in freezing conditions

## Ville fight back to beat Court

### HOCKEY

#### Cliftonville 3 Gore Court 2

CLIFTONVILLE men's 2nd XI edged out Gore Court at a freezing Jackey Bakers at the weekend.

Ville were forced into an unfamiliar formation due to missing personnel which forced a lot of play up the middle.

Despite this, Ville opened the scoring with good passing between James Perks and Mike Knell resulting in James Sparks getting on the end of a pass by the back post to score.

Gore Court scored twice with a sloppy first and a well-worked second from a penalty corner to end the half 2-1 up.

After a half-time tongue lashing, Ville came out fighting and had most of the play, yet struggled to score against a tough

defence. It wasn't until the final ten minutes when captain Carl Perez's first-time strike found the corner of the goal and put the sides back on level terms.

Then in the last two minutes a break from Ville resulted in Rob Macer rounding the keeper and flicking the ball in from a tight angle as they won 3-2.

The ladies 1st XI were dumped out of the Kent Cup as they lost against a strong Sevenoaks side.

The 2nd XI fared much better though as they beat Greenwich Polygons 3-0.

Jade Bond neatly picked up a rebound off the goalkeeper before smashing it in the goal. The second half started with Kate Bastow picking up the ball on the half way line, driving round three players and tucking the ball neatly in the goal.

A late second for Bond wrapped up the points for the Thanet side.

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